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## ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION AND PROCEDURE

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Policy Reference: N/A

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The Milwaukee Area Technical College subscribes to the principles set forth in The Library Bill of Rights: Revised Interpretations, "Challenged Materials," adopted by the Council of the American Library Association on July 1, 1981, for its library facilities. The text follows:

The American Library Association declares as a matter of firm principle that it is the responsibility of every library to have a clearly defined materials selection policy in written form which reflects the Library Bill of Rights and which is approved by the appropriate governing authority.

Challenged materials, which meet the criteria for selection in the materials selection policy of the library should not be removed under any legal or extralegal pressure. The Library Bill of Rights states in Article 1 that "Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation," and in Article 2 that "Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." Freedom of expression is protected by the Constitution of the United States, but constitutionally protected expression is often separated from unprotected expression only by a dim and uncertain line. The Constitution requires a procedure designed to focus searchingly on challenged expression before it can be suppressed. An adversary hearing is a part of this procedure.

Therefore, any attempt, be it legal or extralegal, to regulate or suppress materials in libraries must be closely scrutinized to the end that protected expression is not abridged.

The response to challenged materials included in Milwaukee Area Technical College library facilities shall be the responsibility of the director of Instructional Development and the librarian. To be considered, a challenge must satisfy the following criteria:

1. It must be submitted in writing.
2. It must include the name of the author, title, publisher, and call number (if applicable) of the work in question.
3. It must include specific reference(s) to the page(s) and text(s) to which the objection is being made.



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4. It must be signed and dated, an address must be provided which will allow for a reply to be made and delivered.
5. If the challenge is not satisfactorily resolved at this level, it shall be reviewed through Instructional Development, proceeding to the district board only after this procedure has been exhausted.
6. Challenged material shall not be formally removed from the library until this procedure has been completed and then, in addition, only after the material has been submitted to an adversary hearing.

Office of Responsibility: Instructional Design