

Dagligtale Student Newspaper

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the basic parameters in which the Dagligtale Newspaper will operate and outline the nature of the relationship between the ASA and the Dagligtale organization.

Policy:

Ethical Journalism and Editorial Freedom:

- The Dagligtale is the student newspaper for the Augustana Faculty students. As such it is not the official publication of Augustana Faculty, and it does not necessarily reflect the views of Augustana Faculty, Augustana Students' Association, Augustana Students' Council or the Dagligtale editor(s).
- Its purpose is to learn, report factually from a student perspective, and facilitate informed deliberation concerning news relevant to Augustana Faculty's students.
- Requisite in the publication of The Dagligtale is editorial freedom and responsibility. The definition in the Augustana Faculty's Student Handbook of "academic freedom" pertains:

Academic freedom at Augustana Faculty is defined to be the right of the individual to hold whatever opinion s/he considers reasonable on any subject, and to publish and discuss such subjects from any point of view in suitable circumstances. Freedom of action is limited by the student's responsibilities to the institution, to the community, and of course by the laws of the land.
- The practice of responsible and ethical journalism is always an obligation and an ambition of those in the student media: they have a high trust to perform with intelligence, accuracy, objectivity, and fairness.
- To the best of their abilities, The Dagligtale's editor-in-chief(s) and other editorial staff will strive to manifest sound, established journalistic practice. The code of ethics of the Society of Professional Journalists is the exemplar of such practice and can be found at www.spj.org.

Relationship between the Dagligtale and the ASA:

- The ASA recognizes the importance of a successful, independent, student operated newspaper on our campus.
- While the ASA and the Dagligtale continue towards establishing a sustainable and independent student newspaper, the ASA's top priority is to ensure the stability and continuity of the Dagligtale organization.
- The ASA's primary interest in the Dagligtale organization is guaranteeing financial and legal accountability and transparency. Therefore, the only positions that report

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directly to the ASA are the Editors.

- The only time that the ASA will intervene in content management is if there is a clear and intentional ignorance of journalistic ethics, or if the ASA receives a lawsuit on the Dagligtale's behalf. In both cases, the first course of action would be to work with the Editors to rectify the situation in a way that is mutually acceptable for all parties.