

ASA Offensive Content Regulations

Policy:

- Community standards and the boundaries of good taste are to be respected in all ASA media. With this as a general guideline, the following are specifically prohibited in ASA publications and broadcasts:
 - words which are generally considered overly offensive or crude. Editors and managers are encouraged to consult with the Vice-President Communications for specific guidelines in this matter. The suggestion of such words in publications with an initial letter followed by an appropriate number of asterisks and necessary suffixes is permitted; however, this practice is not encouraged, and excessive or inappropriate use of such a device may violate the intent of this regulation.
 - lewd or pornographic material.
 - material which discriminates, stereotypes, or harasses on the basis of membership in categories which include but are not limited to: race, ethnic origin, gender, disability, or religious affiliation.
 - slanderous material.
 - material which is intended simply to shock or offend. ASA recognizes the role of humor and satire in campus media, but humor which is completely insensitive to the concerns of the community is strongly discouraged.
 - other extreme violations of community standards which are lacking academic justification and serious intent.
- Nothing in these regulations shall be construed so as to limit academic freedom, as defined in ASA's Policy and Procedures Manual and Augustana Faculty's Student Handbook.
- Complaints about ASA media which concern possible violation of Augustana Faculty's Sexual Harassment Policies should be directed to Augustana Faculty's Sexual Harassment Officer. Complaints about ASA media (including sexual harassment complaints) which could lead to disciplinary action being taken by ASC should be directed to the ASC. All less serious complaints regarding possible violation of these or other ASA media regulations should be directed to the appropriate editor or manager.