Students who are found to be in violation of these policies may have their pages or portions of their pages removed without warning.

Introduction—The purpose of providing Web space on the Digital Communication server is to give students who are enrolled classes of the Web Development program a place to display and publish their projects on the Internet. These projects will reflect their interests, hobbies and points of view, and the Web space allows students to communicate their thoughts and ideas with others.

Web sites created by HCC students contain an incredible array of facts, opinions, entertainment and interesting information. We in the Digital Communication Department are mindful of our role as stewards of this community. We strive to ensure that HCC Southwest remains a positive contributor to the Internet community.

The faculty and staff of the Digital Communication Department are committed to providing a forum for diverse points of view. We have established the guidelines that follow to help our students achieve a true sense of community. If you disagree with some of the opinions expressed by another student, we encourage you to express your opinions with your own Web site. This exchange of ideas is the essence of community. The following guidelines were established January 13, 1999.

Content Guidelines—The Digital Communication Department (Digicom) has carefully developed the following content guidelines to promote the free-flowing exchange of ideas about your interests, activities and hobbies, while maintaining standards consistent with the Internet community and the societies of the world. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please email us.

DigiCom does not discriminate based on sex, age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture, religion or socio-economic status.

Please refrain from using your Web site for any of the following activities:

- Displaying pornographic material of any kind.
- Providing material that is grossly offensive to the online community, including blatant expressions of bigotry, prejudice, racism, hatred or excessive profanity.
- Displaying material that exploits children under 18 years of age.
- Promoting or providing instructional information about illegal activities, promoting physical harm or injury against any group or individual, or promoting any act of cruelty to animals. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: Providing instructions on how to assemble bombs, grenades and other weapons; disseminating personal information about another individual for malevolent purposes; creating “crush” sites; providing computer software viruses or software designed to create a virus; providing satellite TV cracks; providing programs to “nuke” or create a denial of service attack against another individual or ISP; facilitating the delivery of “spam” e-mail; soliciting passwords from other members.
- Committing acts of copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret or other intellectual property infringement. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: Providing pirated computer programs or links to such programs, including files which are solely intended for game emulation; providing information used

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to circumvent manufacturer-installed copy-protect devices, including serial or registration numbers for software programs; providing any type of cracker utility; providing pirated music or links to such files.

- Defaming any person or group.
- Developing restricted or password-only access pages, or hidden pages or images (those not linked to from another accessible page).
- Using your Web site as storage for remote loading or as a door or signpost to another home page, whether inside or beyond DigiCom.
- Developing home pages or session posts that consist of hyperlinks to content not allowed in DigiCom.
- Using the DigiCom server for the purpose of gathering personal identifying information from individuals for commercial or unlawful purposes.
- Posting or disclosing any personal identifying information belonging to children.
- Violating Internet standards for the purpose of promoting your home page.
- Engaging in commercial activities. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities: Offering for sale any products or services; soliciting for advertisers or sponsors; conducting raffles or contests that require any type of entry fee; displaying a sponsorship banner of any kind, including those that are generated by banner or link exchange services; displaying banners for services that provide cash or cash-equivalent prizes to users in exchange for hyperlinks to their Web sites; promoting, soliciting or participating in multilevel marketing or pyramid schemes.

The opinions and views expressed in individual Web sites do not necessarily reflect those of Houston Community College System, HCC Southwest, the Digital Communication Department or their faculty, staff or administration.

Houston Community College System, Houston Community College Southwest or the Digital Communication Department makes no guarantees as to the currency, accuracy, or quality of information stored on the DigiCom server. If misleading or otherwise inappropriate information on the DigiCom server is brought to the department's attention, a reasonable effort will be made to correct or remove it.