Sidewalk Chalking Policy

Please refer to pages 102-103 in the “Posting Promotional Materials on Campus” section of your 2011-2012 Student Handbook for the following information regarding campus policies for sidewalk chalking:

Informing the Oswego State community about events and programs is a necessary and important part of ensuring the success of those activities. In recognition of this need, Oswego State has designated suitable areas throughout the campus for the purpose of displaying chalked messages. The intent of this policy is to set forth procedures for the orderly display of chalked messages.

A. Oswego State Groups
   Chalk may be used by students, faculty, and staff for creating promotional messages on approved exterior horizontal surfaces of Oswego State campus in compliance with the following requirements:
   1. All such chalked messages by students, faculty, and staff shall only be for events or programs which occur on campus and are sponsored by a registered student organization, campus governance, an academic unit, a campus department/office, or an Oswego State committee.
   2. Messages shall be written in chalk that is water soluble. Approved water soluble chalk includes commercially manufactured “sidewalk chalk” but does not include spray chalk or artist pastels.
   3. Chalked messages shall only be written on flat horizontal surfaces of sidewalks.
   4. No chalked message shall be written on vertical surfaces (interior or exterior) including, but not limited to, trash receptacles, cigarette butt receptacles, light poles, telephone poles, posts, pillars, trees, buildings, doors, retaining walls, fountains, or any object on campus.
   5. Only academic related messages are permitted on classroom whiteboards and chalkboards.
   6. No chalked message shall be written on walkways other than sidewalks. Such prohibited areas include, but are not limited to, stairs, steps, ramps, landings, building entry ways, porches, and loading docks.
   7. Chalked messages shall not deface decorative symbols or sculptures located on walkways.
   8. Chalked messages shall not include references to the sale or consumption of alcohol or other drugs.
   9. Chalked messages shall not promote or condone behavior that violates policies of Oswego State or local, state or federal law.

B. Individuals and Non-Oswego State Affiliated Groups
   Chalk may not be used by individuals and non-Oswego State affiliated groups for creating messages on Oswego State property.

C. Individuals or groups creating chalked messages in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.