

# **BEYOND STATUS UPDATES AND TWEETS:** DEVELOPING A SOCIAL MEDIA **POLICY**



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- Discussion
- Flickr
- Blog
- Facebook

2010

2011

- Twitter
- YouTube

- Policy
- Committee meetings

2012

Social Media Timeline

- Limited staff
- Limited communication
- Disconnect
- Work Demands

Floundering



#### Research

- Reading
- Workshops
- TLA "light bulb moment"

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## Working on Policy

Evaluation

Goals

Guidelines

Platform Info

- Importance
- Define purpose
- Short & succinct

"Texas Collection uses social media to highlight collections and services while providing a medium to engage users."

Goals

#### Why are we using social media?



 Promote The Texas Collection and its holdings and establish the collection as a significant and scholarly source for research on the State of Texas;

 Increase visibility and strengthen the public image of The Texas Collection and Baylor University;

Goals

Platform Info **Platform** 

Creation Date

Audience

Post Frequency

**Notes** 

Type	Twitter
Began	March 2011
Frequency Updated	Minimum: 1 time/week
Primary	Anyone interested in Texas and Baylor: similar

Updated
Primary
Audience

Notes

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institutions, librarians, and archivists Use hashtags when appropriate (#Baylor promoting Baylor items.) Staff members attending conferences should tweet using the conference hashtag. Tweeting may include participation in special Twitter events (i.e. "Ask Archivists Day") and the use of a regular feature (i.e. "#findoftheday").

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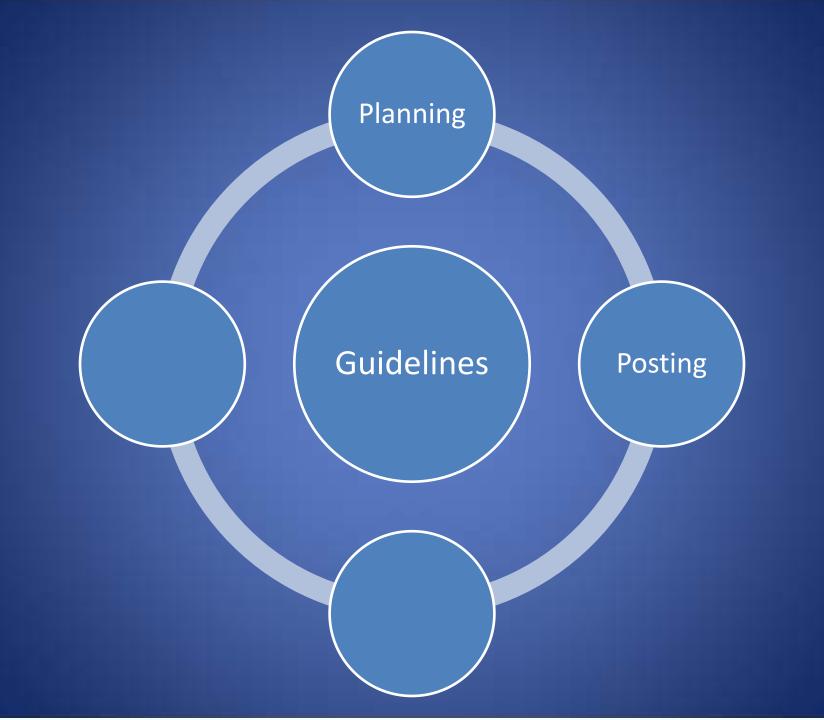
- Members
- Frequency
- Review
- Content
- Calendar
- Flexibility



#### Social Media Meetings

"Social media should be updated frequently.

Depending on the platform, some media are updated more frequently than others. The social media team should meet several times each semester to plan accordingly for updates. Inactive accounts could provide patrons with a negative impression."

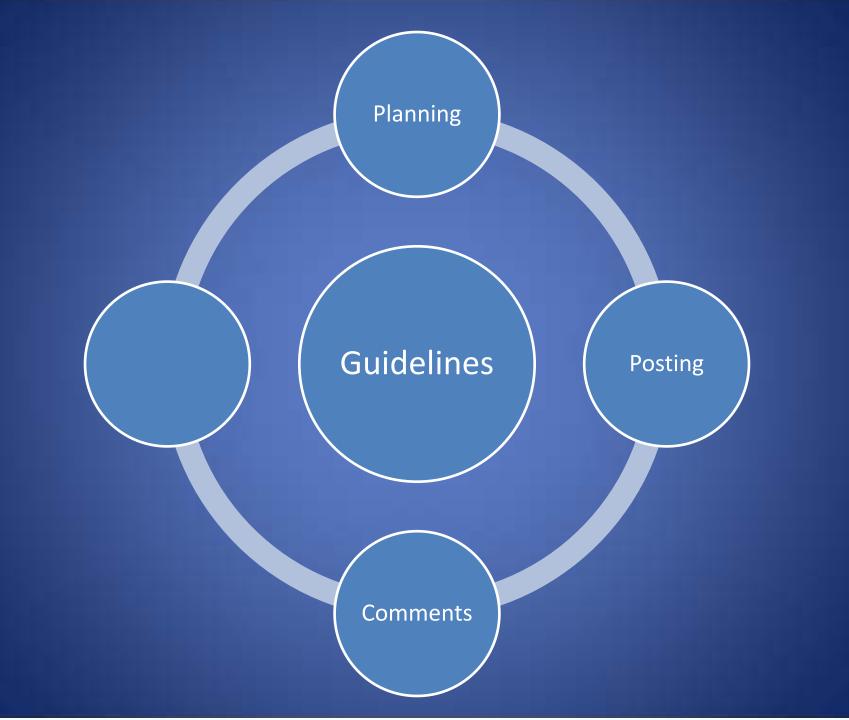




Posting

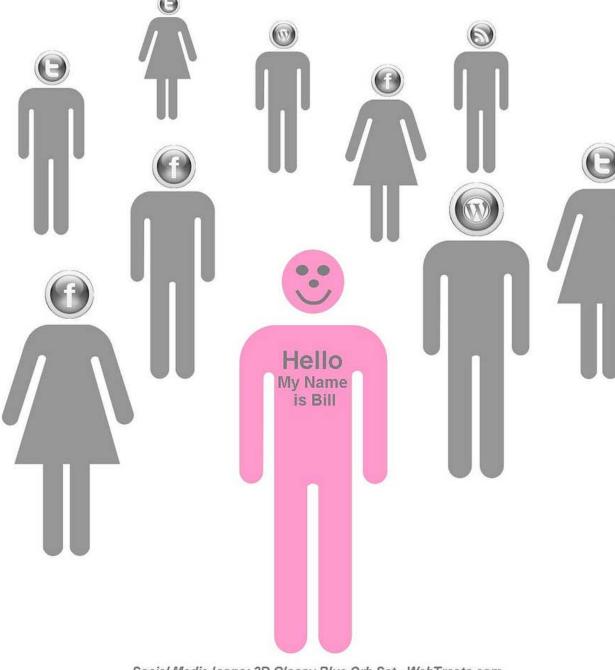
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- Posts should be written in first person plural (unless indicated) to represent The Texas Collection as a whole.
- Each posting is a reflection on The Texas Collection. No inflammatory, degrading, defaming, racist, politically-leaning, etc. language should ever be used. Be sure that posts do not alienate readers. Consider how each interaction could be interpreted and adjust accordingly.
- Social media should provide a sense of community where people feel comfortable asking questions, posting content (where applicable), and connecting with the organization.
   Posts by staff should be friendly, positive, and engaging.
- Be sure to protect confidential and proprietary information.



What makes social media social?

Interaction



Social Media Icons: 3D Glossy Blue Orb Set - WebTreats.com

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### What is our responsibility?

- Monitoring
- Follow up
- Build dialogue
- Readily available
- Resolve issues





very stylish and sexy in my day - I was in hi-school and college in the 50's -- Great Years! March 6, 2012 at 9:20am · Unlike · ₼ 1



The Texas Collection David Werner Really? Did you go to Waco High? Do any of these women look familiar to you? The photo doesn't identify any of the women, but we would love to know who they are. March 6, 2012 at 9:21am · Like



The Texas Collection Abe Gutierrez: We agreewe love the fashions!

March 6, 2012 at 9:23am · Like



David Werner Howdy...Yes I graduated from WHS X in 1955. GO TIGERS !!!! I am working on the names of the girls in the picture. They were in the 1956 class at

March 6, 2012 at 9:39am · Unlike · ₼ 1



Carolyn Baker Eisen Looks like Mary Ann Sancetta 2nd from left and Mary Ann Lindley sitting in front. Recognize a couple others & trying to recall names. March 6, 2012 at 9:54am · Unlike · 1



Carolyn Baker Eisen Maybe Carlene Evans King on left? Is that you Carlene?? Can you name others? March 6, 2012 at 9:57am · Like



Nancy Wooden Fowler Any chance the second from left is Mary Ann Sancetta: far left Carlene Evans. The girl in the front and the one far right also look so familiar. I am truly just guessing. March 6, 2012 at 10:18am · Unlike · ₼ 1



The Texas Collection David Werner and Carolyn Baker Eisen: Thank you so much! We appreciate any help and this helps so much. : ) By the way, did you know that we have a nearly complete run of the Waco High yearbook, the Daisy Chain? March 6, 2012 at 10:20am Like



Write a comment...



## Patron Comments

Texas Collection staff reserves the right to remove any content posted by users.

#### Comments may be deleted or not released if they are:

- Threatening, attacking, harassing, or embarrassing other members
- Promoting hate of any kind
- Using profanity and offensive language
- Not appropriate for all ages
- Off-topic
- Blatantly spam
- Included numerous times in a single thread
- Infringing on copyright law or university policy
- Advertising a specific commercial service
- Knowingly misleading other members
- Reported as abuse



#### Media

- Protect materials
- Proper attribution
- Public domain

- Image size
- Watermarks





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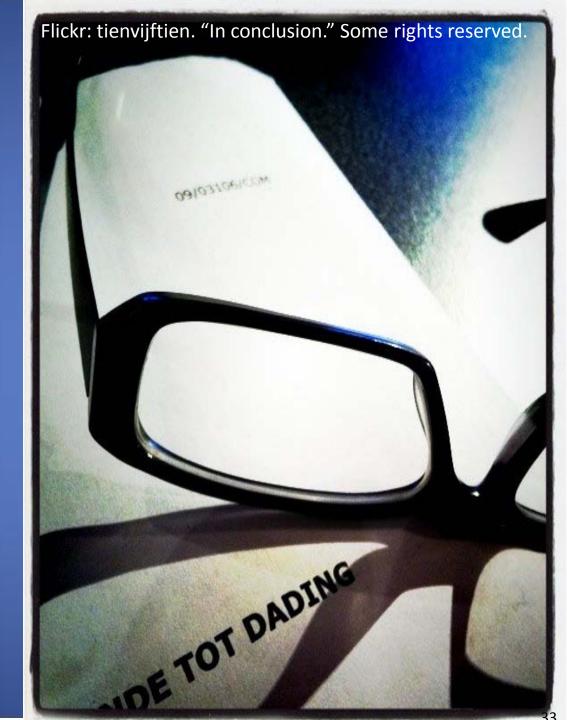
Are we reaching goals?

- Platform analytics
- Monthly statistics
- Bit.ly

- User survey
- Rebecca Hopman survey rebeccahopman.com/resour ces/socialmedia/index.html

#### Conclusions

- Living document
- Policy anniversary
- Revisions



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