



## Letter from the Executive Board about Student-talk

As you may have noticed, the Student-talk server is currently not functioning, as we resumed our standard practice of deactivating it over the summer. The server should be up and running in about a week, but with a few modifications.

For our new students, Student-talk is a listserv that includes most Pitzer students. It can be used as a resource to advertise events, look for events, etc. Most importantly, Student-talk is an unmoderated server, meaning that once an email is sent it goes straight to the entire list. It functions fully on weekends when the offices that moderate other listservs are closed.

As your elected Executive Board members, our job is to advocate for the safety and inclusivity of our community. Last semester in particular on Student-talk, there were many instances where people were not treating our community members, students, faculty, and staff alike with respect or kindness. As a result, many students inquired about what we can do to reimagine Student-talk, including the possible option for students to opt-out of being automatically added to the listserv.

Student-talk is not meant to be a platform where students can harass, degrade, or debase one another or other community members, but rather a forum where we can all connect and exercise our freedom of speech in a manner that is not harassment. Unfortunately, certain uses of Student-talk have escalated into a problem within our community, which has led to our decision to reimagine how we will be able to interact with Student-talk and change it as a media platform.

Consistent with expectations of all students at Pitzer, we would like to remind students who send an email through Student-talk that they must closely follow the Student Handbook and are subject to consequences if they engage in behaviors that may not align with the Handbook and Student Code of Conduct. Furthermore, Student-talk will now be opt-in instead of opt-out. For students who decide to opt-in, you will receive an email that will require you to read and agree to a set of community guidelines. These guidelines are to ensure that Student-talk is a space for sharing information and communications with other students and not for harassment or doxxing. The listserv will still be unmoderated, but people who violate the guidelines more than three times may be removed for the remainder of the semester. Lastly, please be aware that some non-student community members have historically also been on the listserv.



Please be mindful of each other, and remember that words on social platforms can have significant implications for yourself and those around you.

Thank you,

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