Colleges shall not use State funds to purchase promotional giveaway items or other gifts for any reason, including promotional giveaway items purchased for college marketing and advertising. “Promotional giveaway items” are items given to an individual or entity for less than fair market value that do not serve an instructional or institutional purpose. Items that serve “an instructional or institutional purpose” are those used for classroom instruction and daily, routine operations of the college not associated with marketing, advertising, recruiting, or fundraising. See 1E SBCCC 700.7(a), 1H SBCCC 300.3(b)(1), and 1H SBCCC 300.4 for rules related to sources of institutional funds that may be used for giveaway items.

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