

Wesley College's

STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

"Wesley College is a United Methodist institution of higher education that seeks to be among the finest student-centered learning communities in the liberal arts tradition. Consistent with our Methodist heritage, the College affirms meaning and purpose in life through justice, compassion, inclusion and social responsibility that enhance community life and respect for the environment. Wesley College exists to liberate and empower its students with the knowledge, skills, ethical attitudes and capacity for critical thinking needed to achieve personal and professional goals and to contribute to the local and global society."

If we, the students of the Wesley College, are to become citizens prepared to be engaged in the democratic process: full opportunity to inquire, to question, and to exchange ideas should be provided in order to achieve said goal of Wesley College.

Our rights and responsibilities as students of Wesley College, then, are analogous to those of a United States citizen.

THESE RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED BY THE WESLEY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION AND SHALL BE ENFORCED AND PROTECTED BY WESLEY COLLEGE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS ON ANY PROPERTY OF WESLEY COLLEGE AND ANY EVENT HOSTED BY WESLEY COLLEGE. Any activity off campus is guided under the Constitution of the United States as well as Delaware law and the Wesley College Student Code of Conduct.

I. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS All students shall enjoy rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Delaware Bill of Rights. Students shall be governed by all laws and ordinances of the State of Delaware and Kent County as well as rules designated in the Wesley College Student Handbook.

II. ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES Students shall have the responsibility to learn, and to respect the rights of others to learn. Any infringement would impede on the academic freedom of others.

III. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND COMMUNICATION The right of free speech, free exercise of religion, and freedom of the press shall not be infringed in the classroom or the campus as a whole. Students are expected to be aware of and comply with the behavioral requirements established by faculty in academic settings. Students recognize the rights of others and the limitations imposed by the laws on libel, slander, obscenity, hate speech, and incitement to riot. So long as actions of students do not conflict with these laws, Wesley College will respect those actions and will not impose restrictions to these rights. This includes but is not limited to censorship of student papers, suppressing and discouraging student opinion, and denying the practice of religion

IV. INVOLVEMENT OF STUDENTS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS Students shall have the right to be involved in the governance process that affects the educational system. Entities involved in this process include but are not limited to Student Government Association (SGA), Student Activities Board (SAB), and the Student Affairs Committee.

V. FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND RIGHT TO PETITION Students shall have the right to peaceably assemble. Students shall have the right to "petition the government for redress of grievance." Students have the right to disagree with or seek assistance for any problems encountered from Wesley College as well as government on all levels (Federal, State, and Local) without the fear of reprisal.

VI. FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION Students shall have the right to organize clubs or associations within the College as outlined in the Wesley College Student Handbook

VII. STUDENT DISCIPLINE Students have the right to substantive due process as outlined in the Wesley College Student Handbook under "Student Code of Conduct."

VIII. RIGHT TO PRIVACY Students have the right to privacy in their respective residence halls. Reasonable Suspicion is needed by security to intrude on that privacy, as room and board payment should be analogous to a rental agreement. Ownership is passed onto the student, despite the College having ownership of the actually property. Reasonable Suspicion is defined in the Wesley College Student Handbook under "Search and Seizure."

IX. INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION Students should be given an opportunity to express our opinions concerning the instruction we receive from the professors, faculty, and administration of Wesley College, recognizing that the evaluation of professors and administrators rests in the course evaluations which can be given upon request by the course instructor.

X. AVAILABILITY Students shall have access to all statutes, rules, policies and regulations to which they are subjected. This Student Bill of Rights will be supplemental to the Wesley College Student Handbook as well as copies provided by Student Government Association upon request.