

**WAC 132B-120-065 Student rights.** The following rights are endorsed by the college for each student within the limitations of statutory law and college policy which are deemed necessary to achieve the educational goals of the college:

(1) Academic freedom.

(a) Students are guaranteed rights of free inquiry, expression and peaceful assembly upon and within college facilities that are generally open and available to the public.

(b) Students are free to pursue appropriate educational objectives from among the college's curricula, programs and services, subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.50.090 (3)(b), available space in the class, and meeting any required prerequisites.

(c) Students have the right to a learning environment which is free from unlawful discrimination, inappropriate or disrespectful conduct, and all harassment, including sexual harassment.

(d) Students are protected from academic evaluation which is arbitrary, prejudiced or capricious. Students are responsible for meeting the standards of academic performance established by each of their instructors.

(2) Nondiscrimination. Students have the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, gender, marital status, national origin or ancestry, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

(3) Due process. Students have the right of due process. No disciplinary action may be imposed without notice to the accused of the nature of the charges. A student accused of violating the code of conduct is entitled to procedural due process as set forth in the code.

(4) Campus speakers/invited guests. Recognized student organizations shall have the right to invite outside speakers and guests to campus subject to the availability of campus facilities, funding and compliance with college procedures. Student organizations are responsible for the conduct of their invited guests on or in college facilities and at functions sponsored by the college or recognized student organization.

(5) Right to assembly. Students shall have the right of assembly upon college facilities that are generally available to the public provided such assemblies are in compliance with procedures established in Administrative Procedure 516.03 and other behavioral expectations outlined in the code of conduct.

(6) Distribution of materials. Handbills, leaflets, newspapers and similarly related materials may be distributed free of charge by any student or students, or by members of recognized student organizations, or by college employees on or in college facilities at locations specifically designated by the vice president for student services; and are in compliance with procedures established in Administrative Procedure 516.03 provided such distribution does not interfere with the ingress or egress of persons or interfere with the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Such handbills, leaflets, newspaper and related matter must bear identification as to the publishing agency and distributing organization or individual.

All nonstudents shall register with the vice president for student services prior to the distribution of any handbill, leaflet, newspaper or related matter. Such distribution must not interfere with the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Any person or persons who violate any provisions of this rule relating to the distribution of materials will be subject to disciplinary action.

(7) Commercial activities. College facilities may not be used for commercial solicitation, advertising or promotional activities except when such activities clearly serve educational objectives, including but not limited to display of books of interest to the academic community or the display or demonstration of technical or research equipment, and when such commercial activities relate to educational objectives and are conducted under the sponsorship or at the request of the college, or the student government (ASGHC); provided that such solicitation does not interfere with or operate to the detriment of the conduct of college affairs or the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(8) Fund-raising. Students and student organizations have the right to engage in fund-raising activities subject to the approval of the vice president for student services.

(9) Grievances. Students have the right to express and resolve misunderstandings, complaints and grievances according to the stated grievance procedures.

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