

STUDENT JUDICIAL SYSTEM

STUDENT RIGHTS WITHIN THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

With the approval of the College Council, the SUNY Institute of Technology affirms the following student rights and privileges within the context of the college community:

1. to engage in discussion; to make inquiries; to exchange findings and recommendations; to speak, write, or print freely on any subject; and to sponsor speakers of their choice, in accordance with the guarantees of our Federal and State Constitutions, subject only to the right of the college to make reasonable rules and regulations related thereto.
2. to associate freely with others.
3. to engage in the educational process.
4. to engage in peaceful, orderly, and non-destructive picketing, protests, and demonstrations, to the extent they do not violate public law or college rules on the use of facilities, time, place, and manner, and do not interfere with the educational process, or the rights of other members of the college.
5. to be secure in their persons, living quarters, papers and effects, from unreasonable, illegal, or unauthorized searches and seizures; and in the event of a legally authorized search, whenever possible to have present an official of the college and the student against whom the legally authorized search is directed.
6. to organize one's own personal behavior as long as such behavior does not violate public law or rights of others, and does not interfere with the educational process.
7. to be informed of the standards and the norms of conduct established by the college, and the right to have advance notice of any sanctions for violations thereof.
8. to have the benefit of fair and equitable procedures for determining the validity of charges of alleged violations of college standards of conduct. All procedures shall be structured to facilitate a reliable determination of the truth or falsity of charges, while providing due process and fundamental fairness to all persons.
9. to retain unaltered status as a member of the college community and to be present on the campus and attend classes during the consideration of any disciplinary matter, except for reasons relating to the safety and well-being of members of the college community or college property or a student's own physical or emotional safety and well-being.
10. to petition for redress of a grievance arising from negligent, malicious, or irresponsible actions of a member of the college community.

11. to have college records reflect only such information as is reasonably related to the educational purposes of the college.
12. to be informed of the existence, custodianship, and general character of all personal records maintained by the college.
13. to inspect all personal records, except those records determined to be confidential in accordance with properly established criteria.
14. to have protection from disclosure of personal records to unauthorized persons. Information will not be released outside of the college community without the expressed consent of, or waiver by, the student involved, except under guidelines established by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
15. to establish and elect a representative, democratic student government which is accountable to the college and the student community.
16. to be heard and have one's views considered at appropriate levels of the decision-making process within the college community.
17. to use designated college facilities as individuals and members of student organizations for extracurricular activities sponsored by registered student organizations and student groups, subject to the priority of academic needs and to reasonable college rules and regulations regarding use of facilities.

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS FOR STUDENT CAMPUS CRIME VICTIMS

Every victim of a crime who reports the incident to the University Police Department or the Student Affairs staff will be afforded the following rights:

1. The right to have the incident promptly and thoroughly investigated by appropriate college officials.
2. The right to have the incident duly adjudicated by campus, civil, and/or criminal authorities with appropriate jurisdiction.
3. The right to full and prompt cooperation from the appropriate college officials in order to notify the proper investigating or judicial authorities.
4. The right to be free from any pressure from college officials who would suggest that the victim:
 - a. not report crimes committed against them to civil and criminal authorities or to campus University Police and Student Affairs officials.
 - b. report crimes as lesser offenses than the victim perceives them to be.
5. The right to have complete access to the college's counseling services or other available community-based counseling or victim advocate services.