

# STUDENT HANDBOOK 2015 - 2016

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Dear West Virginia Wesleyan College Students,

As a member of the West Virginia Wesleyan College community, you play a critical role in the quality of life on our campus. Through your dedication to your academic pursuits, as well as your active participation in our rich co-curricular program, you are certain to make a difference at our ‘home among the hills.’ We hope you will choose to become involved and invested in our community through your participation in community engagement opportunities; as a member of our student senate or the many clubs and organizations on campus; as a leader in our residential living areas; as a student-athlete on one of our intercollegiate athletic teams; as a member of a social sorority or fraternity; as a participant in our performing arts program; and/or, as an active resident in one of our many residential living areas. The opportunities are endless! Your active participation will help to make this your ‘home away from home;’ and, a place where you will feel comfortable, involved, and valued.

This handbook is designed to help you learn about your role as a member of the West Virginia Wesleyan College community, as well as the responsibilities and opportunities therein. Please take time to review the policies and procedures contained in this handbook. These expectations will serve as a guide for you during your time here - and will help all of us in our efforts to live, learn, grow and work together. If you have any questions, please visit us in the Student Development Suite, which is located on the second floor of the Benedum Campus Community Center.

In fact, whether you have a question or just wish to share your ideas or concerns, we invite you to stop by for a visit. As a member of our student body, you and your experience matter to us. Please let us know if you have suggestions on how we might make WVWC an even richer learning experience for you.

I wish you a successful, productive and memorable year.

With warm regards and best wishes,

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## STATEMENT OF MISSION

West Virginia Wesleyan College challenges its students to a life-long commitment to develop their intellectual, ethical, spiritual, and leadership potential and to set and uphold standards of excellence. Firmly rooted in the liberal arts tradition and closely related to The United Methodist Church, the College is a community of learning based on fundamental principles formed at the intersection of Christian faith and liberal education: intellectual rigor, self-discovery, human dignity, mutual support, social justice, self-discipline, mental and physical wellness, the appreciation of diversity and the natural world, and the judicious use of resources. The College recognizes and affirms its interdependence with the external communities--local, regional, national, and global -and its covenant with the people of West Virginia to share its educational and cultural resources.

West Virginia Wesleyan College prepares its students through its curriculum of arts and sciences, pre-professional and professional studies, and its rich campus life program. As a residential institution of higher education, the College aspires to graduate broadly educated men and women who

- Think critically and creatively,
- Communicate effectively,
- Act responsibly, and
- Demonstrate their local and world citizenship through service.

## A BRIEF HISTORY

The mission of West Virginia Wesleyan College is reflected in good measure in its name. Its founding in 1890 by the West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church climaxed a 16-year effort to establish a center of learning in the then-young state that would reflect the values of the Methodist community, meet the church's need for an educated leadership, and provide an educational resource for the general citizenry of the state and region.

Although the founders were always loyal to these overarching principles, the immediate catalyst for the College's establishment was perhaps less lofty: by 1882, Methodists believed they had "lost control" of West Virginia University in Morgantown, leading to an exodus of Methodist students from the state university who were seeking an educational alternative.

Originally known as the West Virginia Conference Seminary, the new school opened on September 3, 1890, in a splendid new three-story brick building located on the present site of the Lynch-Raine Administration Building. (The original building was destroyed by fire in 1905 and replaced

the following year by the current structure).

In keeping with the tradition of seminaries or academies of the day, it offered largely pre-college instruction. Bennett W. Hutchinson, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and Boston University School of Theology and an ordained minister, came from Massachusetts to accept the presidency. Mr. Roy Reger of Buckhannon was the first of 201 students to enroll that first year.

Full-fledged college work was initiated in 1900 and gradually expanded until the first baccalaureate degrees were awarded in 1905. After one year as Wesleyan University of West Virginia, the name was officially changed in 1906 to West Virginia Wesleyan College, in honor of Methodism's founder, John Wesley. Pre-college work continued through 1922-23, when it was deemed no longer necessary due to the growth of high schools in the state.

The early beginnings of the College were modest, and the fledgling school was frequently plagued by debt, debt that became particularly threatening during the Great Depression of the 1930s. But the shortage of fiscal resources never dampened the vision of the College community and its supporters. By 1939, when the three major Methodist bodies united to become the Methodist Church, leaders of the College dreamed of making Wesleyan the outstanding liberal arts college in the state--a challenging vision for a financially struggling college of fewer than 500 students.

Historians of the College credit Thomas W. Haught, an 1894 graduate of the Seminary, twenty-year academic dean (1909-1929), long-time faculty member, and three-time acting president, as one of Wesleyan's most influential champions of academic excellence. In addition to strengthening the faculty and the emphasis on academics, he led efforts to achieve initial accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1927.

For many, the presidency of Dr. Stanley H. Martin (1957-1972) marks the period of the College's most dramatic growth, measured in student enrollments, increasing academic stature, and an expanding physical plant. It was largely his vision that gave the campus its present Georgian character. Annie Merner Pfeiffer Library, Benedum Campus Center, Benedum Hall, Christopher Hall of Science, Doney Hall, Jenkins Hall, Holloway Hall, Martin Religious Center, Middleton Hall, McCuskey Hall, and Wesley Chapel are tangible expressions of the expansion that characterized President Martin's tenure.

Following the successful tenure of Dr. Martin, John D. Rockefeller IV served as Wesleyan's President from 1973 to 1975. The current athletic complex was completed during his tenure. For a period of time, it was referred to on campus as "The New Gym," but was renamed the John D. Rockefeller IV Physical Education Center after his departure in 1975. Immediately following his tenure at Wesleyan, Rockefeller served as Governor of West Virginia from 1977 to 1985 and went on to serve as the

Senator from West Virginia in the United States Senate.

During the 1980's Wesleyan offered its first graduate degree program in business administration and added the Camden Residence Hall Complex. The French A. See Dining Center was constructed in the mid 1990's to provide a centralized location for students to dine and socialize each day. During this decade, extensive financial resources were also invested in information technology, with an emphasis on cutting edge academic instruction and intentional learning outcomes. In fact, the College became one of the first institutions in the nation to require students to have laptop computers.

Many features of modern campus life at Wesleyan have long traditions. An example is football, which was introduced in the pre-college seminary in 1898. The school colors of orange and black go back to that very first game, when fullback and team captain, Frank Thompson, wore a turtleneck sweater in Princeton University's orange and black to honor two football greats of that university. A more comprehensive athletic program was formally organized at the collegiate level in 1902. Early sports included football, baseball, basketball, and gymnastics -- for men only. In 1996, Wesleyan received the Sears and Roebuck Award for the most successful athletic program in the nation. From 1992 to 2005, Wesleyan captured the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Commissioner's Cup as the most successful athletic program. This esteemed honor was also awarded to WVWC from 2008 through 2013, at which time the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference was disbanded and many of its members, including West Virginia Wesleyan, joined to form the Mountain East Conference.

Music has also been an important part of campus life, beginning in 1890 when two pianos and an organ were installed in the seminary's new building. In 1902, the current Annex Building was constructed as the Conservatory of Music, the College's first building dedicated solely to academic purposes. The school's "unofficial" anthem "My Home Among the Hills," written by former trustee E.W. "Bill" James, is sung at every school ceremony. The song has been used at special functions throughout the state, including the governor's inaugural ceremonies. Our music program continues to be recognized throughout the state and region for its excellence.

The Greek system was initiated on campus in 1925, when the Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of two sororities and three fraternities. We now have four sororities and five fraternities, all of which demonstrate an obvious and growing commitment to leadership and philanthropy/service.

An awareness of social justice issues and a commitment to serving others are key goals of a Wesleyan education today, just as they are part of our United Methodist heritage. As early as 1910, the Wesleyan Volunteer Band, followed in 1930 by the Student Volunteer Movement, established a tradition of service among Wesleyan students, concentrating in those

early years on foreign missions of the Christian church, but also maintaining strong ties to the local community. Community engagement programs have been greatly expanded to become an integral part of the College's student life program. And, the Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development, which is located on the second floor of the Benedum Campus Center, was officially opened on Founder's Day of 2009. Our students continue to serve at the local, national and international level, earning honors and awards for their significant contributions and advocacy efforts.

West Virginia Wesleyan College is also recognized for its strength in the performing arts. This excellence and the college's support were recently demonstrated through the construction of the Virginia Thomas Law Performing Arts Center, which opened in the spring of 2009. In fact, this period in the college's history experienced more construction than any other decade since the 1960s. In addition to this project, the College also celebrated the construction of the David E. Reemsnyder Research Center, which opened in the spring of 2010. This new, state-of-the-art building supports the many research opportunities in which our students and faculty collaborate each academic year and often throughout the summer months, as well. This building and the programs therein serve as an excellent example of our students' full and active engagement in their educational experience.

This era in our history also exemplifies our proud heritage as a residential college. Fleming Hall was fully renovated as a suite-style living area in 2009, followed by the construction of the first new residence hall to be built on our campus in this century. 'New Hall,' which is also comprised of four-person suites like Fleming, was designed (externally) to emulate the style of Agnes Howard Hall, one of the oldest residence halls in the United States which still houses students. 'New Hall' opened in the fall of 2011. The following fall, this newest residential living area was officially named Dunn Hall after two of the college's generous benefactors and alumni, Tom and Carol Jean Dunn. In addition, Doney Hall was fully renovated and opened in the fall of 2013, primarily offering upper-class students the opportunity to reside in single rooms, while enjoying the traditional community atmosphere of our older residential living areas.

Although much has changed in higher education and in West Virginia since West Virginia Wesleyan College was established, we have remained true to our heritage and mission. In spite of these many changes, our founders would definitely recognize much of today's curriculum and many of the campus traditions as worthy continuations of their early efforts, contributions and vision.

## LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

West Virginia Wesleyan College offers excellent technological and physical facilities to create an environment ideally suited for teaching and learning. The elegant steeple and classic Georgian design of Wesley Chapel set the architectural style of the campus, while a partnership with Dell provides a student-purchase computer program. In addition, we became a ubiquitous wireless campus in the summer of 2011. These efforts serve as the keystone of our comprehensive technology infrastructure.

The oldest of Wesleyan's 33 buildings is Agnes Howard Hall, built in 1895 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of eleven residence halls on campus. Among the College's newest facilities are the Virginia Thomas Law Performing Arts Center, completed in 2009; the David E. Reemsnyder Research Center, which opened in 2010; Dunn Hall, our recently constructed residence hall opened in the fall of 2011; and, the O'Roark Nordstrom Welcome Center, which houses admissions and financial aid, is our newest building. This 'front porch' of the campus, designed to welcome prospective students and their families, opened in the fall of 2014.

The Wesley Chapel, Benedum Campus Center, Rockefeller Physical Education Center, and Holloway and Benedum Halls 'frame' the park-like atmosphere of the campus, offering students an attractive place to gather, study and socialize. The beautiful fountain, which is now the focal point of this 'green space,' was constructed in the summer/fall of 2011. We now enjoy the 'Magic Mystic Fountain' as described in the lyrics of our alma mater.

Key academic buildings of the College include Christopher Hall of Science and the Reemsnyder Research Center, which house Wesleyan's stellar programs in biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, physics, environmental science, mathematics, physics, and psychology. Modern, well-equipped laboratories complement the building's planetarium, herbarium, and greenhouse. McCuskey Hall, housing the art department, has studios for painting, drawing, ceramics, photography and printmaking as well as a computer lab for graphic design. McCuskey also houses Sleeth Gallery, which regularly sponsors visiting artists' workshops and curated exhibitions.

The Loar Memorial Building provides classrooms, practice rooms, and private studios for vocal and instrumental faculty and students in the Department of Music. Its recital hall seats audiences of 165 for performances and serves as rehearsal space for the department's many ensembles. Its memorial lounge provides an attractive setting for formal gatherings. In keeping with Wesleyan's commitment to educational technology, Loar Memorial Building has a computer music lab integrating personal computers with instrumental keyboards for music composition,

sequencing, analysis, and performance in an interactive group setting. The College recognizes the importance of quality facilities to support our students' academic pursuits.

Other academic buildings include Haymond Hall, which houses several academic departments including criminal justice, history, political science, and sociology. The Learning Center is also located in Haymond, as is the Help Desk of our Information Technology department. The English faculty and Writing Center reside in the English Annex, which was originally constructed for Wesleyan's music department; and, the upper floors of the Lynch-Raine Administration Building provide classrooms and faculty offices for Communication, Education and The Thomas Albinson School of Business, which was officially named in the fall of 2014.

The Martin Religious Center (MRC), aptly named after Dr. Stanley Martin, Wesleyan's President when this building was constructed, is connected to the Wesley Chapel and provides classrooms and faculty offices, primarily for the Religion and Philosophy Departments. The office of the College's Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life is also located in the MRC. Middleton Hall, which is the only academic building on Camden Avenue, houses our School of Nursing. In addition to faculty offices and classrooms, this building includes the Howard D. and Audrey Holden Naylor Nursing Simulation Labs, which help nursing students gain real-world experience within the safety of their classroom.

We continually seek to provide classrooms and laboratories which enhance the learning experience of our students. Likewise, each of our residential living areas has study rooms that afford our students the opportunity to work on their academic responsibilities as their schedules allow and as they prefer--very early in the morning or even well into the night! To support the renovation and refurbishment of our learning spaces, in 2014 West Virginia Wesleyan College was awarded by the federal government, one of two \$10 million Title III grants. These funds will be used, in part, to strengthen the learning environment for our students and, in turn, to continually improve our students' satisfaction, engagement and success.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY**

The Board of Trustees of West Virginia Wesleyan College is the policy-making body for the College, and possesses by legal charter ultimate authority for the institution. The Trustees have entrusted the President of the College with the responsibility and authority to develop and supervise the operation of the disciplinary function. The President, in turn, has designated the Vice President for Student Development as the primary officer in charge of the maintenance and supervision of the judicial

process.

Colleges and universities are not expected to develop disciplinary regulations which are written within the scope or precision of a criminal code. The community standards contained in the code give general notice of prohibited conduct, but are not designed to be exhaustive. Occasions may arise when conduct is such an inherent and substantial threat to the basic ideals and standards of the College that extraordinary action not specifically authorized in the handbook must be taken.

West Virginia Wesleyan College reserves the right to take the necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community, including the right to discipline a student if his/her scholarship proves unsatisfactory or if his/her presence substantially jeopardizes the basic ideals and standards the College seeks to maintain.

Students, faculty and staff are asked to assume positions of responsibility in the College Judicial System so that they may contribute their skills and insights to the resolution of disciplinary cases. Final authority in disciplinary matters, however, is vested in the College administration.

## **COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS**

By applying for and accepting admission to West Virginia Wesleyan College, students voluntarily make a decision to become part of a living and learning community which encourages and expects mutual respect, honesty, and trust. It is understood that the opportunity for free inquiry and expression, which is essential to the educational process, can exist effectively only within a system of order which supports it. To maintain such a system, each member of the Wesleyan community accepts responsibility for personal actions, adhering to and respecting the general regulations of the College, as well as the laws of the larger society, including municipal, state, and federal statutes.

When individuals fail to accept these responsibilities, the College will address such behavior and impose disciplinary sanctions. The primary purpose of the imposition of discipline at Wesleyan is to protect the campus community and to uphold the College's ideals and standards. Consistent with that purpose, reasonable efforts will be made to foster the personal development of students who are held accountable for violations of College regulations.

### **Violations of Law and Disciplinary Regulation**

Students may be accountable both to governmental authorities and the College for acts which constitute violations of law and this Code. The College will not seek to substitute its penalties for those appropriate to law enforcement officers in situations where legal penalties may also apply. Local authorities will hold students responsible in all ways that

apply to other citizens, regardless of their educational status. Penalties imposed by governmental authorities, however, will not exempt students from College discipline for the same offense. Students who have committed a felony or misdemeanor will be subject to review by the College judicial process. Disciplinary action at the College is independent of any civil or criminal action and will typically proceed during the pendency of civil and/or criminal proceedings. College disciplinary action will not be subject to challenge or reduction on the ground that criminal charges involving the same incident have not been filed, been dismissed, been reduced, or are still in process.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

A true community requires that all participants share common goals and respect the particular contributions that each member makes toward achieving them. The common enterprise of a college is learning, which is a discipline of the mind, not merely a manipulation of assignments, activities, and information. This process involves interacting with teachers and fellow learners on the one hand, and personal reflection and critical inquiry on the other. In all cases, it demands integrity. Thus, claiming another person's work as one's own is a serious offense, subject to disciplinary action.

The College considers academic dishonesty a serious offense as it diminishes the quality of scholarship and defrauds those who eventually depend upon our knowledge and integrity. The penalties for violating these standards are based on our firm belief in academic integrity.

### **Violations**

Violations of Academic Integrity include but are not limited to the following:

1. Cheating on tests, examinations, quizzes
2. Plagiarism; appropriating the original work of another with the intent of falsely misrepresenting work as one's own; includes using the exact words of another without identification of the material as a direct quotation or without citing the exact source; paraphrasing the work of another person without citing the exact source (note that a correct paraphrase requires complete transformation of the passage, not a simple change of a few phrases or words); using facts, figures, statistics, graphical representations or interpretations which are not original with the writer or speaker without citing the original source; knowingly aiding or abetting another who is plagiarizing;
3. Collaboration without the instructor's consent on individual assignments intended to be performed outside the classroom;

4. Submitting work for one course which has already been submitted for another course without the explicit permission of the instructors involved; and,
5. Selling or purchasing papers or other assignments for submission to meet course requirements. This includes downloading papers from the internet.

### **Procedures for Handling Incidents**

1. When an instructor suspects or is informed of academic misconduct, he/she will attempt to determine as clearly as possible the facts related to the incident. He/She may then meet with the student(s), present the charge, and consider the response. If the student voluntarily admits to the charge, or if the evidence is substantial, the instructor shall determine the appropriate penalty.
2. A summary of the incident and action will be reported in writing to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and copied to the student. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will send a letter to the student involved, informing him/her of this action. In cases where there is record of repeated offenses by a student, the Vice President for Academic Affairs will review the matter.
3. The Vice President for Academic Affairs may refer serious or serial violations of academic integrity to the College Judicial Board for adjudication.

### **Penalties for Violations of Academic Integrity**

1. An instructor has the right to discipline a student if he/she has justifiable evidence that the student has violated the definitions of academic integrity in this Code or in further elaboration of course materials.
2. A minimum expected penalty for offense is failure in the assignment or in the course. A warning may be appropriate when the facts of the case are ambiguous or where no willfulness is evident.
3. More severe penalties (formal notation on permanent transcript, suspension, dismissal) are assessed by the College Judicial Board, when referred by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

## **ACADEMIC GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Class Attendance/Behavior**

1. Each student is responsible for attending classes or laboratory sessions, and other designated instructional events.

2. Each faculty member is responsible for establishing and notifying students at the beginning of each semester of the policy and requirements for class attendance and behavior for each class.
3. Missing any class or laboratory sessions, or a substantial portion thereof, constitutes an absence. Missing a session because of late registration constitutes an absence. Absences in a class can only be excused by the instructor of that class. Any class absence related to illness or co-curricular participation will require individual negotiation between the student and instructor. Excessive class absences may result in failure in the course(s) and required withdrawal or dismissal from the College.
4. The Student Development Office will inform faculty of emergency circumstances; students are responsible for informing the Student Development Office of those emergencies which result in being absent from class(es). Documentation of these emergencies may be requested/required.
5. Expected classroom behavior is consistent with the norms of common sense and basic etiquette. Students should dress appropriately, arrive to class on time, and demonstrate respectful behavior. Students with children should not bring the children to class on a regular basis.
6. Cell phones must be turned off during class periods.

### **Commercialization of Lecture Notes**

Selling course lecture notes, handouts, readers or other information provided by an instructor, or using them for any commercial purpose, without the express permission of the instructor, is prohibited.

### **Student Grade Appeal Process**

In cases of alleged arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory grading, this appeal process will be followed:

1. The student requests a meeting with the instructor to review the basis for the final grade in the course.
2. If, after this meeting, the student is not satisfied that the grade was fairly determined, he or she may appeal to the appropriate School Director. The director will seek to mediate the issue between the student and the instructor.
3. If the student remains dissatisfied, he or she may appeal to the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the College, who will hear the student on the matter, confer with both the instructor and the School Director, and then make the final decision. Prior to meeting with the Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean, the student must provide a written description of concerns.
4. Appeals of a final grade must be submitted no later than the end of the subsequent semester in which the grade was received.

The process for handling the Grade Appeal after it reaches the Dean's Office is as follows:

1. The student meets with the Vice President/Dean of the College or

a designee. The policy and procedure for Grade Appeals are reviewed.

2. If the student decides to pursue the Grade Appeal, he/she must submit a statement in writing with any supporting materials believed to be relevant.
3. The student's statement and any supporting materials are then copied and sent to the instructor who also submits a statement in writing and supplies any relevant materials, e.g., syllabus, class attendance, grades.
4. The instructor's statement and materials are then copied and sent to the student for one last written response.
5. Upon the conclusion of these steps, the Dean or designee reviews the various reports and documentation. After making his/her decision, the Vice President/Dean or his/her designee will send a written decision to the student, with a copy of this communicate sent to the instructor.

### **Policy on Student Complaints**

A student complaint is defined as a written allegation of injury caused by one of the following:

1. the decision concluding a review process;
2. an allegation that the review process was unfair;
3. the absence of a review process.

Students who continue to be dissatisfied after a final decision has been rendered by the College shall be informed of their right to file a written complaint. Such complaints shall be submitted to the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, or the Vice President for Student Development, depending on the nature of the complaint. Student complaint files shall be maintained by each of these offices for review by representatives of accrediting agencies.

### **Standards of Performance**

1. A student with 25 or more earned hours who fails in any semester to maintain an overall scholarship quotient of 2.00 or above will be placed on Academic Probation.
2. A student with fewer than 25 earned hours and a scholarship quotient below 1.75 will also be placed on Academic Probation.
3. A freshman student with a total scholarship quotient of 1.75 to 1.99 and fewer than 25 earned hours at the end of any semester will be placed on Academic Warning for the next semester of attendance.

### **Academic Grade Reports**

At the end of each semester, May Term and Summer Term, the College processes each student's grades. During the fall and spring semesters, progress reports are processed for students whose academic work is evaluated as deficient (C- through F) during the first five weeks of classes.

Progress reports do not become a part of students' permanent records, but are indicators that corrective action is needed.

Final grade reports are available to the students and their faculty advisors through their on-line Web Advisor accounts. A student may request a paper copy by completing the appropriate form in the Academic Services Office.

### **Use of Library Materials**

1. Print and electronic resources are available to students, faculty and staff of West Virginia Wesleyan College.
2. Print materials and media must be checked out following established Library procedures.
3. Patrons are expected to return materials on time in order for others to have access/use them.
4. Failure to return materials on time will result in fines or replacement costs for which the patron is held responsible.
5. Unauthorized removal of library materials will be reported to Campus Security; and, if necessary, will be referred to the College Judicial System/Process.
6. Patrons are expected to use electronic resources in compliance with copyright laws, institutional policies, and etiquette related to the access and use of information resources.

## **FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

### **Access to Institutional Records**

West Virginia Wesleyan College, as required by law, guarantees students, who are or have been registered at the College, the right of access to official records directly related to the student. This includes the opportunity for a review process to challenge such records on the grounds that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate.

Generally, the College must obtain written consent from the student before releasing personally identifiable data from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows these records to be shared, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions:

- College officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the College;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; and,
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies.

The student's education record includes information in the offices of Admission, Financial Aid, the Registrar/Academic Services, and Student Development, as specified in the written College policy. Students may both inspect and request copies of this information at their expense.

In the implementation of this policy provided for by the Buckley Amendment, there are several factors which students should note:

1. Copies of our complete policy on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) are available to students in the Office of Student Development.
2. Final grade reports are available to students and their faculty advisors through their on-line WebAdvisor accounts. A student may request a paper copy by completing the appropriate form in the Academic Services Office.
3. Certain types of information are classified as public or "directory" information, and may be disclosed without a student's written consent. These are name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, campus box number, major, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height/weight of athletic team members, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, class schedule, and class roster.
4. In addition to a procedure for a hearing on campus regarding the information included in a student's file, an office has been established by the U.S. Department of Education to investigate and adjudicate alleged violations of /failure to comply with FERPA regulations. Complaints may be addressed to the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202-8520.

### **Communication with Parents**

Wesleyan may supply certain information to parents of legally dependent children (those who receive at least one-half of their financial support from their parents, regardless of age). This information includes notifications of disciplinary action for cases of disciplinary probation, suspension, and dismissal. Other information is kept confidential unless the student's life or well-being is in danger.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

West Virginia Wesleyan College, a private educational institution, is committed to the principle of equal opportunity for all qualified persons, welcomes students of all backgrounds and takes pride in the diversity of its faculty and staff. It assures students of access to all the privileges,



programs and activities generally accorded or made available at the College. West Virginia Wesleyan College strongly supports affirmative action principles and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religious affiliation in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies, financial aid programs, athletics, co-curricular activities or other College administered programs.

## **SERVING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

West Virginia Wesleyan College ensures that no qualified person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied access to, excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of any program or activity operated by the College or be subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities. The College shall make reasonable accommodations to the known limitations of an otherwise qualified student with a disability to enable the qualified student with the disability to have equal access to educational opportunities, programs and activities. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. § 794(a)] and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) [42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.].

Students with disabilities are required to maintain the same level of responsibility for their education as other students attending West Virginia Wesleyan College. These responsibilities include maintaining levels of academic performance expected of all students, meeting attendance requirements, maintaining appropriate behavior, and following the College's policies and procedures. In addition, the College establishes appropriate standards for its courses, programs, services and facilities and is not required to grant accommodations that impose a fundamental alteration of a program or activity.

The College encourages students to request accommodations before the semester begins or as early in the semester as possible. If the student chooses to delay providing documentation and/or making a request for accommodations, the College will not provide accommodations in a retroactive manner, but will upon the student's request begin the procedure for approving and implementing future accommodations. A reasonable amount of time will be necessary and expected in order for the College to implement these accommodations.

The confidentiality of all documentation will be maintained in accordance with the applicable law. Documentation may be shared with others on a need to know basis.

To be eligible for services, students with disabilities should identify themselves and provide documentation to the Director of the Learning Center in the following manner:

Documentation of the disability and professional materials from a physician, psychologist, psychiatrist and/or school district on the evaluator's letterhead stationery demonstrating that the disability currently and substantially limits a major life activity of the student. The documentation will include:

- a. A statement identifying the disability and describing the current level of functioning;
- b. A description of the assessments, methods/criteria used, employing the DSV IV when appropriate;
- c. A description of the current functional impact of the disability including a statement of any substantial limitations as they relate to the ability of the student to meet the various demands of college life, which may include, but not be limited to, specific test results and the examiner's narrative interpretation;
- d. Treatments, medications, or assistive devices/services currently prescribed or in use;
- e. Recommendations to assist the College in designing reasonable accommodations for the condition; and,
- f. The credentials of the diagnosing professional when not indicated on letterhead stationery.

Identifying oneself as having a disability to an individual professor is not considered an official notification to the College. The student must follow the above procedures in order to access accommodations. However, it is the student's responsibility to notify a professor, or others as necessary, of a need for accommodations.

Coordination of accommodations and services may involve any number of College offices and personnel, including faculty, staff, and administrators, depending on the nature of the accommodations and services needed. The Director of the Learning Center will work in consultation with the student, and others as deemed proper, to determine the appropriate academic accommodations. The Director of the Learning Center will make the final decision with respect to a particular accommodation.

If the student has been diagnosed with a Learning Disability or Attention Deficit Disorder, please refer to the "Requirements for Documentation" section of the Learning Center Handbook or the campus website [www.wvwc.edu](http://www.wvwc.edu) for specific educational testing requirements: <http://www.wvwc.edu/services/TheLearningCenter/>

If the student is requesting Residence Hall Accommodations, please contact the Campus Life Office for specific guidelines and information at (304) 473-8441.

If an individual believes that the services or accommodations provided or recommended do not meet his or her needs, the student should promptly discuss the matter with the Director of the Learning Center who will seek

to resolve the situation in a timely manner. If the student is not satisfied with this response, the student may file a grievance using the investigation and review procedures set forth in this Handbook.

## **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE TO ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)**

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a serious medical and social concern that has reached epidemic proportions; and, it is a disease that can affect any individual or group.

West Virginia Wesleyan College will handle issues related to AIDS on an individual, case-by-case basis in accordance with medical advice, guidelines of the American College Health Association and Federal Law and will ensure that the response to individuals with AIDS will be consistent with response to others with serious diseases or disabilities.

The College recognizes that its primary response to the epidemic of AIDS must be education, since responsibility based on information and awareness is the most effective means of prevention and the reduction of high risk behavior. The institution will educate students, faculty and staff about the nature, causes, transmission and symptoms of the disease.

The following guidelines clarify Wesleyan's institutional response to HIV infection and AIDS and include essential features of the American College Association's General Institutional Response to AIDS.

1. Current medical knowledge indicates that students or employees with AIDS, or HIV infection, do not pose a health risk to other students or employees in an academic or residential setting.
2. In the event that a student or employee is diagnosed as having AIDS or HIV infection, decisions regarding classroom attendance, housing, and continuation of work will be made on a case-by-case basis. The institution will rely on available medical advice, and will fully consider the rights of all individuals, especially those with handicapping conditions, when making related decisions. In addition, these decision making processes will adhere to/follow the established College governance structure and process, including the standards contained in student, faculty and staff handbooks.
3. Information concerning the existence and identity of students or employees with HIV infection or AIDS will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with faculty, staff, or family without the written permission of the patient. Members of the institution who have access to such information will be kept to a

minimum and only those with a legitimate "need to know" will be aware of the existence of AIDS or HIV infection.

4. The Health Center Staff, the Director of Counseling Services, the Director of the School of Nursing or his/her designee, and the Vice President for Student Development will comprise the institutional committee responsible for the College's AIDS education efforts. The Vice President for Student Development will assume a leadership role in responding on a case-by-case basis to the existence of AIDS or HIV infection in students, in consultation with the College physician and the institutional committee noted above.
5. The College will adopt and follow safety guidelines as established by the United States Public Health Service for health care clinics and teaching laboratories and will be in compliance with Federal Law.
6. The voluntary reporting of AIDS or HIV infection will not be a factor in initial student admission decisions or in employment status decisions.

## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

All individuals and/or groups of the West Virginia Wesleyan College community are expected to speak and act with respect for the human dignity of others, both inside and outside the classroom, and in all College-sponsored social, recreational, and academic activities either on or off campus.

West Virginia Wesleyan College will not tolerate any form of harassment or intimidation including, but not limited to, sexual, racial, religious, handicap, or age discrimination. Using the telephone, mail, electronic mail or social media to intimidate or interfere with a person's basic rights is also a form of harassment. Attitudes of condescension, hostility, role-stereotyping, and sexual or racial innuendo weaken the health of the community and are considered harassment as well.

Wesleyan will not tolerate acts of hazing or the exploitation of individuals or groups. At the same time, the College affirms the principle of academic freedom and prohibits discrimination against individuals or groups because they express different points of view. However, the College affirms that freedom of expression does not justify violating human dignity.

Intentionally or substantially interfering with the freedom of expression of others on College property or at College-sponsored activities is prohibited. If a student feels that he/she has been unfairly or inappropriately treated by any member of the Wesleyan community, it is suggested that the student do one or more of the following-- without fear of reprisal:

1. Discuss the matter with a trusted third party to help determine a course of action.
2. Approach the offending party directly and discuss the matter and its possible solutions.
3. Pursue facilitation with the offending party through a facilitator. The facilitator/mediator may be a faculty member, a school director, the Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life, the Director of Multicultural Programs and Services, a member of the Health and Counseling or Student Development staffs or some other administration/staff member.
4. For reporting purposes, if this is a racial or ethnic incident, the facilitator will contact the Director of Multicultural Programs and Services before the facilitation takes place.

## **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICIES**

West Virginia Wesleyan College seeks to create an environment that promotes individual and community health and well-being. The illegal or abusive use of alcohol and other drugs jeopardizes this effort. Therefore, the College is committed to defining standards of behavior, enacting and enforcing policies, and complying with local, state, and federal laws. The Drug Free Workplace Act of 1989 requires information regarding the following:

1. the conduct that is prohibited under campus policy and sanctions that will be imposed for violations of the policies;
2. the applicable legal sanctions under the local, state, and federal laws;
3. the health risks associated with the use and/or abuse of alcohol and other drugs; and,
4. the educational and treatment resources available on and off campus.

The United Methodist Church, the College's sponsoring denomination, encourages abstinence from alcohol and illegal drugs and supports educational programs that inform and encourage abstinence. While abstinence from alcohol may be preferred, the College acknowledges that students may make other choices and works aggressively to educate students regarding community responsibility and Wesleyan's expectations for all members of the student body.

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs**

The College prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages by individuals who are not of legal age and the abuse of alcohol by individual community members of any age. Violations of local, state, and federal laws pertaining to alcoholic

beverages are prohibited. Furthermore, the College prohibits the illegal use of drugs on College property or property used by any recognized student or College group. State and federal laws state that it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

According to the federal Controlled Substance Act of 1970, this applies to drugs that have a high potential for abuse, may lead to chemical dependence, and are required by law to be prescribed or administered under the supervision of a physician.

Full compliance with the specific set of standards related to alcohol and other drug use is expected. Although Residence Hall staffs play an important role in monitoring student conduct, any member of the Wesleyan community may refer a student alleged to have violated this, or any policy, to the Vice President for Student Development. This policy will be strictly enforced, and all cases of alleged violations will be resolved in accordance with the disciplinary procedures described in this handbook.

### **Underage Use**

1. All individuals, College affiliated organizations, and social groups are to comply with local, state and federal laws concerning the possession, consumption, and distribution of alcoholic beverages and be aware of the legal ramifications of noncompliance. Noncompliance with any state or federal law is a violation of College policy and is subject to disciplinary action.
2. Furnishing alcohol to a person under the age of 21 is prohibited.
3. The possession and/or consumption of alcohol on College premises by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited.

### **Public Use of Alcohol**

1. The purchase, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages on College premises by students is prohibited.
2. Alcoholic beverages may not be used in any public facility or space on College premises, including public areas of residence halls, or at College-sponsored activities. The legal exercise of personal freedom within the privacy of one's own room and in accordance with College policy may not infringe upon the rights of others by creating an atmosphere objectionable to others who reside in the same room.
3. Only individual residence hall rooms are considered private; an open door causes an individual's room to be considered a public area.
4. Possession of an open container in any public area of the campus is prohibited. An open container includes, but is not limited to, open or unsealed cans and bottles, cups, wine sacks, and squeeze bottles.

### **Impairment/Public Intoxication**

1. Public intoxication or the state of being drunk that leads to aggressive or disruptive behavior, the significant distortion of memory, the significant dulling of responses, reduction in the capacity to make reasonable judgments or the violation of the Code of Conduct is prohibited, regardless of age, and will be considered an aggravating factor.
2. The influence of alcohol does not relieve an individual of responsibility for his or her behavior. Behavior that causes, or threatens to cause, physical harm to oneself or others, harassment of others, damage to property, or general disruption is a violation of College policy.
3. All members of the College community are fully responsible for the alcohol related conduct of their guests.
4. Driving under the influence of alcohol, either on or off campus, is considered to be an extreme example of irresponsible behavior.

### **Mass Quantity, Distribution/ Possession**

1. Kegs, beer balls, or other forms of a common supply of alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on College premises, including residence hall rooms.
2. A student of legal age who possesses more than a total of 192 ounces of alcoholic beverages or exceeds any one of the following, even though in the privacy of his/her residence hall room, will be in violation of the mass quantity regulation:  
 Twelve, 16-ounce containers of beer or equivalent; two liters of wine, (2 half gallons); twelve, 12-ounce wine coolers; or one liter of distilled spirits, (1 and ½ fifths)

### **Alcohol Paraphernalia**

Alcohol paraphernalia, including but not limited to, empty alcohol containers, is strictly prohibited on College premises and in residence hall rooms.

### **Off Campus Conduct**

Conduct which occurs off campus that is a violation of state, federal, or local law, or has a detrimental impact on the college may result in college judicial action.

### **Drugs**

1. The possession, use, or distribution of illegal controlled substances is strictly prohibited on College premises.
2. The manufacture, delivery or possession with the intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance as prohibited by the WV Code (Vol. 17, Chapter 60A) is also strictly prohibited by the College. This applies to drugs that have a high potential for abuse, may lead to chemical dependence, and are required by law to be prescribed or administered under supervision of physician.
3. Drug paraphernalia is strictly prohibited. Drug paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, rolling papers, roach clips, water bongs, pipes, etc. or anything fashioned for such use.

### **State and Federal Laws**

State and federal laws prohibit the manufacture, possession, sale and trafficking of marijuana and other drugs. State law also controls the sale, distribution, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages except in a licensed establishment.

### **Education and Treatment Resources**

The Health and Counseling Center staff provides educational, assessment, counseling, consultation, and support services for individuals and groups interested in the prevention and treatment of various addictions. The Health and Counseling Center website offers a variety of Resource Links for more information. Specific educational and assessment services for students are offered on both a voluntary and mandatory basis.

The Health and Counseling Center and the WVWC Library have many resources, including books, videos, newsletters, and pamphlets for student, staff, and faculty use.

In addition, West Virginia Wesleyan College participates in Alcohol-Edu, an on-line educational program required of all first year students through the Freshman Seminar courses. Programs on alcohol and other drugs are also offered throughout the year in our residential living areas; and, our Wellness 'Issues Team,' which is part of our Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development, focuses on this critical area as well.

### **Off-Campus Resources**

Appalachian Community Health Center	304-472-2022
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings	1-800-333-5051
Chestnut Ridge Hospital Health Line	1-800-982-8242
Family and Marital Counseling	304-269-3923
Focus Solutions	304-924-6925
Life Reflections	304-637-1002
Phoenix Psychological & Counseling Association	1-304-622-6404
Professional Counseling Center	304-641-8334
Progressive Preventive Health Care	1-304-842-8852

### **Judicial Sanctions and Legal Consequences**

Violations of campus alcohol and other drug policies, as well as local, state and federal laws, are taken most seriously by the College and by local law enforcement. A thorough summary of judicial sanctions and possible legal consequences is provided under separate cover and disseminated to all Wesleyan students each year.

## **HAZING POLICY**

### **Policy for Hazing Related Incidents**

West Virginia Wesleyan College seeks to promote and provide a safe environment where students may participate in activities and organizations without compromising their emotional or physical health, safety or welfare. It is, therefore, the College's policy that **hazing is strictly prohibited**. The impact of hazing activities can result in irrevocable harm to its victims, their families and the College community, undermining the value of these experiences for many individuals.

Prevention of hazing is the responsibility of every member of the College community. Each organization, as well as each individual, must uphold the basic community values of being just, civil and respectful of the rights of others. A respect of College policies, procedures and community expectations is also critical to the health and wellbeing of our community.

### **Definitions**

**Organization** - "Organization" will specify an athletic team, association, order, society, cooperative, club, student organization, fraternity, sorority or other similar group that is affiliated with the College and whose membership consists primarily of students enrolled at the College. "Organization" includes a local chapter, unit or other local division consisting primarily of students, regardless of the nature of the membership of the larger public or private organization.

**Hazing** - "Hazing" is defined as an act that, as an explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a group or organization, could be seen by a reasonable person as endangering the physical health of an individual or as causing mental distress to an individual. Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to: humiliating, intimidating, or demeaning treatment; the destruction or removal of public or private property; behavior involving the coercive consumption of alcohol, other drugs, or other substances; or, rituals or systems that encourage the violation of any College policies or procedures or local laws and statutes.

### **Alcohol Consumption and Hazing**

Any consumption of alcohol, other drugs, or other substances that is "an explicit or implicit condition for initiation to, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a group or organization" is hazing. This definition is applied regardless of the level of pressure to drink and will be classified as a level one offense.

### **Disciplinary Oversight of Reported Incidents**

The "committee on hazing" will oversee the investigation and adjudication, when warranted, of all reports concerning alleged hazing activities with individuals and/or organizations. Specifically, the committee will determine the level of concern and then assign jurisdiction to address the alleged violation. The committee reserves the right to adjudicate the case or refer to other prearranged procedures such as a "show cause

hearing" with Greek Life organizations or refer the case to the College's judicial system.

A minor incident may be referred to the advisor, coach, or self-governing board for remediation of the reported concern. This individual will then be expected to provide a written report of corrective action to discourage future behavior of this nature.

Files of all reported hazing incidents will be maintained by the Chief Judicial Officer, who will examine the data and inform the College of any problematic trends, while also assisting the institution in its efforts to respond with appropriate consequences for any repeat offender(s).

The "committee on hazing" will consist of the following: Vice President for Student Development, Director of Greek Life and Recreation, Director of Athletics, Chief Judicial Officer, one faculty member, and one student. All appointments to this committee are made annually by the Vice President for Student Development.

### **The Sunshine Policy of Hazing**

WVWC's Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Association (Panhel), and the Athletic Department have demonstrated bold leadership by co-sponsoring the adoption of a "Sunshine Policy" through which **"individuals and/or organizations that engage in misconduct that exhibits hazing activity which is classified as a "major violation," will have their actions made public upon the rendering of a guilty verdict."**

The "committee on hazing" will approve the content of the summary of the hazing event and its consequences prior to web-site publication of the incident. The advisor/coach of the offending organization will also be allowed to review the statement. The organization may request a hearing to suggest changes to this summary before its publication. After final approval of the content, the violation will be placed on Wesleyan's web-site under hazing. This policy is intended for all recognized co-curricular organizations of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

### **The Goal/Purpose of This Hazing Policy**

Wesleyan's goal, when possible, is to **educate and promote change within organizations that have been accused of and found guilty of hazing**. In most cases, fraternities and sororities that are accused of and found guilty of hazing will be required to participate in the Anti-Hazing Compliance Program in which they will work with a consultant to revise their new member recruitment process(es). Athletic teams are subject to College policy and NCAA rules; and, any reported hazing incidents will be addressed by the Director of Athletics. In some hazing cases, however, it is neither feasible nor appropriate to seek change. In such cases, the offending organization will be closed, forfeiting its recognition as an official organization and all the rights and privileges therein.

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY**

West Virginia Wesleyan College strives to provide a respectful, safe and non-threatening environment in which our students feel comfortable, are able to study and learn, fully contribute to their academic pursuits and co-curricular experiences and feel valued and supported. In this environment where human dignity and respect are central to our sense of community, sexual misconduct in any form will not be tolerated or excused.

This policy describes prohibited conduct and establishes procedures for responding to sexual misconduct incidents including sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and other unwelcome behaviors as explained in the following paragraphs. It also notes resources that are available to our students and outlines the Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights.

### **Sexual Assault--Definition**

West Virginia Wesleyan College will not tolerate rape, sexual assault, or other forms of nonconsensual sexual activity. Rape and sexual assault under this policy shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Any form of nonconsensual sexual intercourse committed by physical force, coercion, threat, or intimidation, actual or implied, by a person(s) known or unknown to the victim.
2. Any actual or attempted nonconsensual sexual activity, including, but not limited to, attempted intercourse, sexual touching, exhibitionism, or sexual language of a threatening nature by a person(s) known or unknown to the victim.
3. Nonconsensual activity shall include, but is not limited to, situations in which the victim is unable to consent because he/she is mentally incapacitated or is physically helpless due to drug or alcohol consumption, or is unconscious.

### **Reporting Sexual Assault**

Victims of rape or sexual assault are encouraged to file a complaint as soon as possible after the alleged incident. The criminal justice system is an option for recourse, as well as the College's judicial process. Both processes can be undertaken concurrently. Local police can assist the victim in

pursuing criminal action. Campus Safety and Security, our Campus Life Staff, the Director of Counseling Services, the Vice President for Student Development or any other advocate may be contacted, who will then help the student pursue the course of action that is most appropriate and comfortable for that particular individual. Central to the College's response is our commitment to addressing these incidents in ways that help the victim feel empowered and heard.

It should be noted that victims of sexual assault are strongly encouraged to report incidents of, or share information about, sexual misconduct. This is true even if the student with a complaint or a witness to a sexual assault may be concerned about his or her own alcohol or drug use or other prohibited activity. Judicial action will not be pursued for these alleged violations if the student is making a good faith report of sexual assault.

Two additional options are available to victims of sexual misconduct. Students and other members of the college community can also contact the Campus Conduct Hotline at 866-943-5787. The Campus Conduct Hotline is a confidential, anonymous and independent service, which will submit a report to the college in order for the incident to be documented and investigated. The person(s) calling the Hotline will not be asked or expected to provide any information she/he prefers not to include or share. Individuals can also seek assistance and support from the local Women's Aid in Crisis by calling 304-473-0106. Crisis Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### **Sanctions for Sexual Assault**

Students found to be in violation of this policy through the College's judicial system shall be subject to all sanctions contained in the Code of Conduct, including probation, suspension, or expulsion. Employees found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to all disciplinary sanctions contained within the Staff or Faculty Handbooks, including suspension or dismissal.

### **Sexual Harassment--Definition**

Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical contact or any other verbal, written or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

1. submission to that conduct is explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition for any individual's obtaining employment, services or education;
2. submission to or rejection of any unwelcome overtures is a factor in decisions affecting any individual's employment, services or education;
3. conduct has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating or hostile environment for any individual's employment, services or education.

### **Initial Communication of Unwelcome Conduct**

The College seeks to create an environment whereby campus community members understand their responsibility to first communicate what are

often uncomfortable issues with individuals initiating offensive conduct. However, the College also recognizes that there may be initial conduct, or repeated conduct, by an alleged offender which is so objectionable that immediate reporting is important.

### **Reporting Sexual Harassment**

Because a lengthy period of time between an alleged incident's occurrence and the resulting investigation may make fact-finding difficult, it is very important that individuals, who believe they have been sexually harassed, initiate the Investigation and Reviews Procedures as soon after the incident's occurrence as possible.

### **Investigation and Review Procedures**

A student believing he or she has been sexually harassed should promptly report the conduct to either the Vice President for Student Development, the Director of Campus Life or a trusted member of the faculty or staff. Individuals may contact the Campus Conduct Hotline at 866-954-5787. The Campus Conduct Hotline is a confidential, anonymous and independent service. Investigation of reported incidents of sexual harassment shall then be conducted by the executive officer, or designee thereof, in an expedient manner. This investigation will be conducted with an emphasis on confidentiality; and, will also be consistent with principles of fair procedures:

1. A written complaint signed and dated by the offended individual must be promptly provided to the investigator, setting forth all relevant facts;
2. individuals who make complaints founded in good faith will not be subject to any retaliation or disciplinary procedures by the College; and,
3. individuals against whom complaints are lodged will be promptly notified by the investigator. The alleged perpetrator will be informed of the complaint submitted; and, will also be provided a reasonable opportunity to offer a written response to the complaint.

### **Sanctions for Sexual Harassment**

Students found to be in violation of this policy through the College's judicial system shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions contained in the Code of Conduct, including suspension, expulsion, and/or removal from campus housing. Employees found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to all disciplinary sanctions contained in the Staff or Faculty Handbooks, including suspension or dismissal.

### **Domestic Violence— Definition**

Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, or by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim. This also includes violence by a family member (i.e. sibling/step-sibling).

### **Dating Violence— Definition**

Dating violence includes crimes of violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

### **Reporting Domestic or Dating Violence**

A student who is the victim of domestic or dating violence is encouraged to report the incident/conduct to either the Vice President for Student Development, the Director of Campus Life or a trusted member of the faculty or staff. If this conduct/these incidents are reported, the College is better able to help the victim secure protection from further violence. In addition, this will help to preserve the evidence should she/he choose to pursue this through the legal system. This preservation of evidence will also provide support for lawful orders of protection (restraining orders, no contact, etc). The victim will be provided support, on campus and/or in the local community, if he/she decides to notify local law enforcement. Likewise, he/she has the right to decline to notify such authorities. Whatever her/his decision, the victim will be provided with ongoing support in the form of counseling, advocacy, and with practical considerations including different living accommodations, transportation, academic support and other logistical needs.

Students and/or other members of the College Community may also contact the Campus Conduct Hotline (866-954-5787) and Women's Aid in Crisis (304-473-0106), a local agency that provides support and assistance 7 days a week/24 hours a day.

### **Investigative Procedures— Dating/Domestic Violence**

Reports of Domestic or Dating Violence will be taken seriously and will be addressed in a timely, fair and consistent manner. The safety of the victim will be a top priority and will receive early/initial attention. In addition, if the incident was reported by an individual other than the victim, the safety of this individual will also require immediate consideration. With an emphasis on confidentiality, the College will provide the victim, as well as the individual who reported the incident, with information regarding the various options of protection. The investigation will also include:

1. Written report(s) by the victim, as well as any witnesses to the alleged violence, will be provided to the investigator. Other evidence will be gathered including photos of injuries, damaged property and other visible indicators of the reported violence.
2. The alleged perpetrator will be made aware of the investigation and will be afforded the chance to respond, in writing, to the charges against him/her.
3. The accused individual will be reminded of our policy regarding retaliation and the consequences of this behavior, should it occur.

### **Sanctions for Dating/Domestic Violence**

Students found to be in violation of this policy through the College's judicial system shall be subject to all disciplinary sanctions contained in the Code of Conduct including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion and/or removal from campus housing. Employees found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to all disciplinary sanctions contained in the Staff or Faculty Handbooks, including suspension or dismissal.

### **Stalking— Definition**

This behavior involves engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

### **Reporting Stalking**

An individual who believes she/he is the victim of stalking, is encouraged to report this conduct to the Vice President for Student Development, the Director of Campus Life or a trusted faculty or staff member. As stalking behavior often escalates, early reporting of stalking behavior/incidents will help the College to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students and other community members. Early reporting of this conduct will also assist with the investigation and adjudication of stalking behavior as more community members will be aware of this concern, likely leading to additional witnesses and a heightened awareness of this behavior and how it threatens the safety of a community and its members. This alleged conduct can be addressed through the college judicial system or by local law enforcement.

Several other options exist for this reported misconduct, as well, including the Campus Conduct Hotline and Women's Aid in Crisis, which are more thoroughly discussed and defined in previous sections regarding Sexual Misconduct.

### **Investigative Procedures--Stalking**

As with other incidents of Sexual Misconduct, reports of Stalking will be taken seriously and addressed in a timely, fair and just manner. The safety of the victim will be addressed immediately, with full consideration being given

to ways in which to limit the victim's possible exposure to/interaction with the alleged stalker. The investigator will gather evidence including a written report by the victim, detailing what has been said by the accused student, as well as information/evidence regarding any written communiques. If others have witnessed incidents/stalking behavior, they will be asked to provide written documentation.

The accused student will be notified of the investigation, including a summary of the information/evidence regarding conduct concerns. He/she will be invited to respond, in writing, to the reports regarding the alleged stalking behavior.

### **Sanctions for Stalking**

Students found to be in violation of this policy, through the College's judicial system, shall be subject to all disciplinary sanctions noted in the Code of Conduct including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion and/or removal from campus housing or restrictions regarding campus participation. Employees found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to all potential consequences contained in the Staff or Faculty Handbooks, including suspension or dismissal.

### **Bill of Rights**

As is provided for in the Clery Act, West Virginia Wesleyan College supports the Campus Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights. These rights of those who are victims of sexual misconduct (sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating and domestic violence and stalking) are as follows:

- The alleged victim and the alleged assailant are afforded equal opportunity to present witnesses on their behalf in the judicial hearing;
- The alleged victim and alleged assailant are provided equal notification of the outcome of judicial proceedings;
- Alleged victims shall be informed, in writing, of those counseling and other support services available to them, on campus and in the community;
- Students who report that they are the victim of sexual misconduct will be informed of their various options, including that of reporting this incident to the local police; and,
- Students will be offered the opportunity to change classes and/or his/her residence hall assignment in order to avoid the alleged assailant(s).

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Definitions for Code of Conduct**



**Student** - a person enrolled in or auditing courses at the institution, either on a full or part-time basis.

**Aggravated Violation** - a violation which resulted or foreseeably could have resulted in significant damage to persons or property, or which otherwise posed a substantial threat to the stability and continuance of normal College or College-related activities.

**Distribution** - sale or exchange for personal profit, or the giving to another with no thought of personal profit.

**Fabrication** - intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information; knowingly providing false or inaccurate information.

**Institution or College** - West Virginia Wesleyan College.

**Organization** - campus groups recognized according to designated policies and procedures of the College.

**Reckless** - conduct which one is reasonably expected to know could cause a substantial risk of harm to persons or property, or which would otherwise be likely to result in interference with normal College or College-sponsored activities.

**College Premises** - buildings or grounds owned, leased, or operated by the College.

**College-Sponsored Activity** - any activity on campus; or any activity off campus which is expressly authorized or supervised by the College.

## Prohibited Conduct

**Acts of Dishonesty:** intentionally furnishing false or misleading information to College personnel.

**Complicity:** association with a violation of College policy (in contrast to direct involvement or perpetration), either by presence when the violation is committed or non-reporting of the act(s), can result in judicial referral. Students who anticipate or observe a violation of College policy are expected to, as a minimum action, remove themselves from the situation and are strongly encouraged to report the violation.

**Climbing:** climbing trees or the outside of College owned facilities is strictly prohibited. The use of rappelling equipment on College-owned property is also strictly prohibited.

**Damage to Property:** intentionally or recklessly destroying, damaging, or misusing the property of others, including the property of the College, on College premises or at College-sponsored activities.

**Dating and Domestic Violence:** involves any act, attempt, or threat of force by one partner against another partner or a family member.

**Disorderly Conduct:** any conduct which is disruptive, lewd, or indecent,

regardless of intent, which breaches the peace of the community or offends basic sensibilities.

**Disruption:** intentionally or recklessly interfering with normal College or College-sponsored activities, including but not limited to, studying, teaching, research, and the administration of college functions shall not be tolerated. In addition, intentionally interfering with the functions of Campus Safety and Security personnel or fire, police or emergency medical officials is prohibited.

**Failure to Comply:** failure to comply with the directions of College officials, including residence hall staff or any other administrator, faculty person, or student acting in an official capacity (e.g.: Resident Assistant, Student Security Officer, etc.), in the performance of their duties.

**Fire Safety Issues:** including but not limited to:

1. Intentionally/recklessly initiating, or causing to be initiated, any false report, warning, or threat of fire, explosion, or other emergency on College premises or at College-sponsored activities.
2. Intentionally or recklessly misusing or damaging fire safety equipment.
3. Unauthorized use or possession of fireworks on College premises.

**Forgery:** unauthorized alteration or unauthorized use of any College document or personal instrument of identification, including misrepresenting age for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic beverages.

**Freedom of Expression (Interference With):** intentionally or substantially interfering with the freedom of expression of others on College property or at College-sponsored activities.

**Harassment:** actions which are intended to annoy and/or alarm another. These include but are not limited to:

1. attempting or threatening to subject another person to unwanted physical or verbal contact;
2. following another person in or about a public place or places;
3. directing obscene language or gestures at another person or groups of people;
4. directing verbal abuse at another person; and/or,
5. utilizing electronic messaging, texting, phone (cell or landline) or social media in ways that intimidate individuals and/or create a hostile living and learning environment for others.

**Hate Crime:** the victimization of an individual based on that individual's race, religion, national origin, ethnic identification, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.

**Intrusion of Privacy:** unreasonably invading the private domain or seclusion of another by any means, including observation, videotaping, audio taping,

photographing or capturing the actions, image, audio or likeness of any other member of the College community without permission or knowledge, when there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.

**Physical Assault:** the act of intentionally or recklessly causing physical harm to any person on College premises or at a College-sponsored activity, or intentionally or recklessly causing reasonable apprehension of such harm.

**Sanctions:** knowingly violating the terms of a disciplinary sanction imposed in accordance with this Code or failure to complete assigned sanctions.

**Smoking:** smoking is only permitted outside of campus buildings and can only occur thirty (30) feet or more away from any college facility. Smoking is prohibited in residence halls and college vehicles, offices, administrative units, and any College-owned facility. This policy and its parameters and requirements also applies to the use of e-cigarettes.

**Solicitation:** the term "solicitation" is used to describe the sale of products or the seeking of funds, signatures, merchandise or supplies.

1. Door-to-door solicitation is not permitted in residence halls or fraternity houses.
2. On-campus organizations, which have received permission from the Coordinator of Student Activities and Conferences to solicit, may do so in residence hall lounges and other public areas in campus buildings, as long as this solicitation is consistent with the educational purposes and policies of the College.

**Sports:** primarily for safety reasons, playing with or driving hard balls, including golf balls, on College owned property outside of designated athletic facilities is prohibited. Skateboarding on College premises and roller-blading inside campus facilities is similarly prohibited.

**Stalking:** a course of conduct directed at a specific person that involves repeated visual or physical proximity, nonconsensual communication, or verbal, written or implied threats, or a combination thereof, that would cause fear in a reasonable person.

**Theft:** theft of property or of services on College premises or at College-sponsored activities is prohibited. The use of stolen property and/or knowingly possessing stolen property on College premises or at College-sponsored activities is also a violation of College policies.

**Unauthorized Entry:** any unauthorized presence in or use of College premises, facilities, services, or property is prohibited.

**Weapons:** the use, possession, or unauthorized storage of any weapon on College premises or at College-sponsored activities is prohibited. Weapons include, but are not limited to, rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammunition, gun powder, fireworks, numb chucks, air rifles, air pistols, knives, BB guns, bow and arrows, dart guns, paint guns, slingshots, axes or hatchets, metal stars for throwing, blow guns, tazers, pipes, chains and "look-a-like" weapons, or

anything used to inflict a wound or cause injury. All legal weapons must be registered and stored at the Office of Campus Safety and Security.

## THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

### Chief Judicial Officer

The Vice President for Student Development delegates the daily management of the judicial system to the College's Chief Judicial Officer, our Director of Campus Life. The Chief Judicial Officer and/or his/her designee will:

1. Assign cases of alleged violation of regulations to the appropriate hearing body based upon the severity of the infraction, the nature of the regulation (i.e. fraternity/sorority, residence hall, traffic regulations, etc.), and the residence of the student(s) involved;
2. Determine the disciplinary charges to be filed;
3. Interview and advise parties involved in disciplinary proceedings;
4. Select, supervise, train, and advise all College Judicial Boards and advisors;
5. Serve as a person designated to conduct Disciplinary Conferences for lesser violations and, by choice of the student, as a hearing officer for serious violations of this Code. The Chief Judicial Officer may impose all sanctions provided in this Code;
6. Maintain all student disciplinary records; and,
7. Submit a statistical report each semester to the campus community. This report should include the number of cases resulting in disciplinary action and the range of sanctions imposed.

### College Judicial Board

The College Judicial Board is composed of students selected by the Executive Committee of Student Senate and the Chief Judicial Officer; faculty members chosen by Faculty Senate; and, administrative/staff members recommended by Staff Council. For each hearing, there shall be a hearing panel consisting of two (2) students, two (2) faculty and/or administrative staff and one (1) faculty chair person. A panel member should disqualify himself/herself or may be disqualified from hearing a case if he/she is personally involved or biased, or has prior knowledge of the case to be heard. The hearing panel must deliberate until a decision is reached. When consensus is not possible, a majority vote will decide the case. The College Judicial Board may impose all sanctions contained in the Code of Conduct.

## Hearing Officers

Residence Life Coordinators or designated members of the Student Development Staff may conduct Disciplinary Conferences involving students charged with minor violations of the Code of Conduct or Residence Hall Policies.

## Inter-fraternity and Panhellenic Councils

The Inter-fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council may hear cases that deal directly with infractions of rules and policies related to the Greek system.

## Case Referrals

Any member of the West Virginia Wesleyan College Community may refer to the Chief Judicial Officer a student, student group or organization suspected of violating the Code of Conduct. Persons making such referrals are required to provide information pertinent to the case, and may be expected to appear before a College Judicial Board as the complainant. The statement of information will be used in disciplinary proceedings.

## Hearing Referrals

The Chief Judicial Officer will review case referrals to determine whether the alleged misconduct might result in Dismissal, Suspension, a Permanent Disciplinary Record, or Disciplinary Removal from College Housing. Students subject to those sanctions may be afforded a hearing before the College Judicial Board. Other cases will typically be resolved in informal Disciplinary Conferences as referred/determined by the Chief Judicial Officer.

Students who are referred to a College Judicial Board hearing may elect instead to have their case resolved in a Disciplinary Conference with the Chief Judicial Officer. Admission of responsibility generally results in a Disciplinary Conference rather than a Judicial Hearing. The full range of sanctions authorized by this Code may be imposed in such instances, and the right to appeal will be applicable as specified in the related section of this handbook.

During certain times of the year (e.g., early in the semester, during final examinations, summer), when it is difficult for the College Judicial Board to convene because of scheduling, students subject to disciplinary action may participate in a hearing conducted by the Chief Judicial Officer or designee. The full range of sanctions authorized by this Code may be imposed in such instances, and the right of appeal will be applicable as described in the appeal section of this handbook.

## Notification Process

Students will be notified through the college e-mail system and/or via campus mail of disciplinary conferences, judicial hearings, sanctions and other important information. Students are expected to check their e-mail

and campus mail regularly in order to ensure that they receive information in a timely manner.

## Procedural Standards

The focus of inquiry in disciplinary proceedings shall be to determine the responsibility of those accused of violating disciplinary regulations. Formal rules of evidence shall not be applicable, nor shall deviations from prescribed procedures necessarily invalidate a decision or proceeding.

## Disciplinary Conference Procedures

Disciplinary Conferences will be conducted by the Chief Judicial Officer, or assigned to a designee. A Disciplinary Conference normally consists of an informal, non-adversarial meeting between a student and the Chief Judicial Officer or designee. Those bringing charges of violation are not required to participate unless their personal testimony is essential to the resolution of a factual issue in the case.

1. Documentary evidence and written statements are relied upon and the student is allowed to respond to them at the conference.
2. The Disciplinary Conference is normally not used in cases which might result in any form of separation from the College unless the Conference is elected by the student.
3. As is indicated in the notification sent to students via e-mail and/or campus mail, students must contact the Office of Campus Life, within the time stipulated in the communiqué, to schedule a disciplinary conference. If this is not done, the conference will be held in the student's absence. Absence from the disciplinary conference will not be grounds for appeal.

## College Judicial Board Hearing Procedures

1. Pending action on charges of violation of College regulations, the status of a student may not be altered, nor may the right to be present in class or on campus be suspended, except as provided in Interim Suspension.
2. Students will be given a written notice of the hearing date and the specific charges at least three (3) days in advance, and will be given reasonable access to the case file, which will be retained by the Judicial Officer.
3. Students will be afforded a hearing before members of the College Judicial Board within seven (7) class days from the date of notice of the hearing. Students shall have the right to an advisor of their choice to assist and advise in presenting their case. Such advisors shall be members of the West Virginia Wesleyan College community (i.e. any student in good standing, faculty, staff or administrator). Advisors should disqualify themselves if they are

- biased or have prior knowledge of details of the case to be heard. Advisors shall be present to observe and advise the student; but, may not participate in the proceedings.
4. Outside legal counsel will not be permitted unless there is pending criminal or civil action or the reasonable expectation that criminal charges shall be filed. In that case, the student's attorney may be present to observe and advise the student, but may not participate in the proceedings. The determination of the pendency of actions and participation guidelines will be outlined by the Chief Judicial Officer or designee.
  5. If the student chooses not to attend his/her hearing, the proceeding will take place in the student's absence. The student's absence from this proceeding will not constitute a reason for appeal.
  6. Hearings shall be closed to the public.
  7. All hearings of the College Judicial Board shall be audio-taped from the beginning of the hearing through deliberations. These tapes will be erased and/or destroyed upon completion of the appeal process or at a time when students may no longer appeal the decision of the Judicial Board, based on time limitations set forth in the appeal process.
  8. Students shall have the right to present information on their own behalf, including the ability to present a reasonable number of witnesses, as well as to refrain from presenting information against himself/herself. The College Judicial Board may take note of the refrainment from testimony.
  9. The College Judicial Board will render a decision solely on the information presented during the hearing and, in its review of the case, is not required to follow formal rules of evidence.
  10. The College Judicial Board may exclude at its discretion repetitious or irrelevant information. Participants are expected to treat each other with courtesy and respect. Any person who disrupts a hearing may be dismissed from the hearing by the College Judicial Board and the hearing would then continue in his/her absence.
  11. Witnesses shall provide true and correct information and may be subject to charges of violation of College regulations upon providing false information.
  12. Prospective witnesses shall be excluded from the hearing except during their own testimony.
  13. In cases involving more than one accused student, either party may request separate hearings. The Chief Judicial Officer or designee will determine if the request will be granted.
  14. An accused student shall have the right to question, through the Judicial Board, adverse witnesses, as determined by the Chief Judicial Officer.

15. The burden of proof shall be upon those bringing charges who must establish the responsibility of the accused student by a preponderance of evidence.
16. All parties shall be excluded from the deliberations of the College Judicial Board.
17. Decisions of the College Judicial Board will be by majority vote.
18. After considering the facts and reaching a decision, the College Judicial Board will consult the student's discipline file prior to determining the sanction.
19. The decision of the College Judicial Board must include a written summary of the testimony which will be sufficiently detailed to permit review in the appeal process.
20. The decision of the College Judicial Board shall be accompanied by a brief written opinion.
21. The decision will be conveyed to the accused student in a meeting with the Chief Judicial Officer or his/her designee within two (2) class days and will then be forwarded in writing to the student and other appropriate persons within seven (7) class days after the close of the hearing. The College Judicial Board may also choose to meet with the student immediately following the deliberation and inform the student of the findings.

## Sanctions

**Disciplinary dismissal** is the permanent separation of the student from the College. Notification will appear on the student's transcripts. The student will also be barred from College premises. A copy of the notice is sent to the parent or guardian of all dependent students and to appropriate College personnel.

**Suspension** is the separation of the student from the College for a specified period of time, after which the student may apply for readmission to the College. Permanent notification may appear on the student's transcript. The student shall not participate in any College-sponsored activities and shall be barred from College premises. A copy of the notice of suspension is sent to the parent or guardian of dependent students and to appropriate College personnel.

**Interim Suspension:** The Vice President for Student Development or his/her designee may suspend a student for an interim period pending disciplinary proceedings or medical evaluation. Such interim suspension is to become immediately effective without prior notice whenever there is evidence that the continued presence of the student on the College campus poses a substantial threat to himself/herself or others, or to the stability and continuance of normal College functions, or to the basic ideals and

standards the College seeks to maintain. A student suspended on an interim basis shall be given an opportunity to return to campus at a given time for the purpose of a hearing before the College Judicial Board within three (3) class days, if possible, from the effective date of the interim suspension. The hearing shall then be held on the following issues:

1. The reliability of the information concerning the student's conduct, including the matter of the student's identity.
2. Whether the conduct and surrounding circumstances reasonably indicate that the continued presence of the student on the College campus poses a substantial threat to the student or others or to the stability and continuance of normal College functions, or to the basic ideals and standards the College seeks to maintain.
3. If a continued separation from the college isn't warranted, what sanctions, if any, are most appropriate?

**Disciplinary Probation:** A student is provided written notice that he/she has been found in violation of a standard contained in College regulations that warrants significant corrective action. Further violation will subject the student to more severe judicial action. Probation shall be for a specified time period, and may involve conditions or restrictions, identified at the time the probation is assigned. Depending on the violation, disciplinary probation might include ineligibility to publicly represent the College in co-curricular activities, including (but not limited to) athletics, chorale, and theatre; loss of student employment; restrictions from participation in clubs, organizations, and activities including (but not limited to) student senate, Greek life, intramurals, athletic contests and social events. Disciplinary probation might also include the removal from residential facilities and restrictions from entering non-academic buildings. An individual currently on academic or judicial probation may not pledge a Greek organization. A copy of the notice of disciplinary probation may also be sent to parent or guardian of dependent students and to appropriate College personnel.

**Community Action:** The student is given written notice that his/her conduct within the campus community is of a serious nature. This action shall be for a designated period of time and may lead to more severe judicial action if further violations occur. Community Action may be initiated by the Chief Judicial Officer or designee. Failure to complete assigned community action may result in the consideration of Disciplinary Probation.

**Written Reprimand:** The student is given written warning that any further misconduct may result in more severe disciplinary action. Letters of reprimand may be initiated by the Chief Judicial Officer or designee.

**Restitution:** The student is required to make payment to the College or to other persons, groups, or organizations for damages incurred as a result of a violation of College regulations.

**Fines:** In order to serve as a deterrent to future infractions, the College

may choose to impose fines, specifically for alcohol and other drug violations. The first alcohol violation may result in a \$100 fine, with a second violation likely resulting in a \$200 fine. The first violation of our drug policy may result in a \$250 fine, with larger fines being imposed for subsequent violations of this policy. The College reserves the right to increase the amount of these fines in correlation with the seriousness of the offense/violation.

**Other sanctions** may be imposed instead of, or in addition to, those specified above. Students may be subject to dismissal from College housing for violations which occur in the residence halls or elsewhere. In cases where this sanction is imposed, the student will receive a refund of board charges prorated to the date of removal from College housing. Room rent will not be refunded.

Alcohol and other drug violations may result in referral to the Counseling and Health Center for assessment and follow-up. Attending life skills workshops, participating in related community service work or educational projects may also be assigned, as well as grade reduction or notation on the student's permanent record. Monetary fines, termination of student employment, restrictions on participation in fraternity/sorority pledging/membership activities, restricted access to College facilities or equipment, and/or loss of College recognition or institutional means of support (for student organizations), are examples of sanctions which may be imposed.

**Structured Mediation Procedure:** The Chief Judicial Officer may refer to structured mediation those cases involving interpersonal conflicts--if the misconduct does not warrant suspension or dismissal, and if the conflicting parties agree to voluntary participation in all sessions outlined by the mediator. Educational sanctions, intended to foster individual or community development, may be imposed by the Chief Judicial Officer. These sanctions become an addendum to the final agreement.

Non-compliance with the terms of the agreement or addendum will result in immediate referral to the College Judicial Board. The charge of non-compliance will be added to the existing charges. An unsuccessful mediation will result in referral back to the Chief Judicial Officer and no penalties will be applied unless there is documentation of an additional incident. A College Judicial Board Hearing or Disciplinary Conference will then be scheduled.

### **Student Organizations**

Student organizations may be charged with violations of this Code. Failure of off-campus groups to follow Event Management or Social Responsibility Statement guidelines also constitutes a violation of this Code.

1. A student organization or its officers may be held collectively or individually responsible for violations of this Code by those associated with the organization.
2. All College procedures for responding to violations as defined in the Code of Conduct will apply.
3. Sanctions for organizational misconduct may include suspension of pledge-taking, denial of intramural participation or revocation of College recognition, as well as other listed sanctions.

impose any of the sanctions listed in the Code of Student Conduct, including a more severe sanction than was originally rendered.

Deference shall be given to the determination of the College Judicial Board or the Chief Judicial Officer.

Decisions of the Appeal Council, which result in dismissal or suspension from the College, may be appealed to the President of the College or his/her designee.

A written brief in support of the appeal must be submitted to the Office of the President of the College within three (3) class days from the date of the letter notifying the student of the decision rendered by the Appeal Council.

The imposition of sanctions will typically be deferred pending the outcome of the appeal.

## Appeals

Any proceeding of the College Judicial Board may be reviewed by the Appeal Council, which consists of one (1) faculty, staff and student representative, who have been selected by their respective constituencies and trained as potential College Judicial Board members—but, did not participate in the original hearing.

The following are acceptable grounds for appeal:

1. Insufficient evidence to warrant the judicial outcome;
2. Evidence of prejudicial error;
3. Discovery of new evidence which could affect the decision;
4. Excessive penalty; and/or,
5. Substantial violation of hearing procedures.

Students requesting an appeal must submit a letter to the Chief Judicial Officer within three (3) school days from receipt of the written decision. This letter must be submitted in 'hard copy' rather than via e-mail. All information to be considered with the appeal must be included at this time. Failure to request an appeal within the designated time will render the original decision final and conclusive.

Appeals shall be decided upon findings of fact and upon written briefs submitted by the parties. In the event that a key point is in contention, the Appeal Council may call witnesses or seek other processes/methods through which to determine the facts.

The Appeal Council may:

1. Deny the appeal;
2. Affirm the finding and the sanction imposed by the original College Judicial Board or hearing officer; or,
3. Decide on a different sanction based on the information presented. It should be noted that the Appeal Council may

## Disciplinary Records

1. A file on each student involved in a disciplinary action will be kept in the office of the Chief Judicial Officer. This file will contain a copy of all material relevant to the case and its disposition. This file will be cumulative in nature.
2. The file will be maintained in the Student Development Office until the student graduates from the College and then it shall be archived. For students who withdraw from the College, disciplinary records will be retained in the file through the end of the year in which the student was initially expected to graduate and then be destroyed. If the student is readmitted to the College, such records will be maintained through the adjusted graduation date and will then be archived.
3. This file may be viewed by the Vice President for Student Development, Chief Judicial Officer or a designee. It may not be viewed by anyone outside the administrative or judicial system. This file may be examined during normal office hours by the student; and, requests to correct any alleged errors will be submitted to the Chief Judicial Officer. With the permission of the student, this file may be shared with a professor or administrator who is recommending the student for a grant, award, internship, etc. The file may also be shared with an advisor who is working with the student on an appeal or subsequent hearing.
4. This record will be confidential, and will only be released to a valid subpoena from the court.

## Annual Review

The Vice President for Student Development is charged with the responsibility of conducting an annual review of the Code of Conduct. This review will include any suggested revisions approved by Student Senate and

other relevant offices/staff members. Ultimate approval of any revisions will be the responsibility of the Vice President, in consultation with the President of the College.

## ADMINISTRATIVE WITHDRAWAL

The Student Code of Conduct contains policies and procedures necessary for establishing reasonable standards to maintain order, support the educational purposes of the institution, promote the rights and responsibilities of the individual, and protect the safety and well-being of community members. Consistent with these endeavors the Administrative Withdrawal Policy provides an avenue for the involuntary withdrawal of a student given certain criteria.

The Administrative Withdrawal Policy is not a substitute for appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in the Code of Conduct; however, it may be used as an alternative when a student exhibits acute or persistent psychological/medical problems or harmful behavior.

### Standards for Withdrawal

A student may be involuntarily withdrawn from the College and/or College Housing if it is determined that the student:

1. Engages, or threatens to engage, in behavior which poses a danger of causing physical harm to self or others;
2. Engages, or threatens to engage, in behavior that substantially impedes the lawful activities of others, and/or substantially interferes with the educational or residential environment of members of the College community;
3. Demonstrates the inability to self-monitor and/or regulate personal behavior and/or expression, resulting in a reasonable possibility that serious physical harm (to oneself or others) might occur within a short period of time;
4. Commits a violation of the Code of Conduct and lacks the capacity to comprehend and participate in the College's disciplinary process; and/or,
5. Commits a violation of the Code of Conduct and did not understand the nature of the wrongfulness of the conduct at the time of the offense.

### The Process

The Administrative Withdrawal Policy is initiated by the Vice President for Student Development or her/his designee when:

1. Any member of the College community who reasonably believes

that a student may meet one of the involuntary withdrawal standards contacts the Vice President for Student Development; and/or,

2. The student is referred for a possible Code of Conduct violation and the conduct is such that it may meet one or more of the involuntary withdrawal standards.

After this notification, the Vice President for Student Development or the Director of Counseling Services conducts a preliminary review of the information which includes:

1. any documentation of relevant behavior or incidents and
2. an informational meeting and interview with the student.

As a result of the review, a determination will be made considering the following options.

1. The student does not meet the standard for involuntary administrative withdrawal; however, given the circumstances, a referral for a disciplinary hearing may be warranted and initiated.
2. The student does not meet the standard for involuntary administrative withdrawal, however, sufficient concern warrants a referral to the Counseling Center or other mental health professionals for an assessment. In addition, a letter of understanding indicating that future persistent or escalating behavior will result in administrative action.
3. The student meets the conditions for an involuntary administrative withdrawal but waives the right to a hearing and voluntarily withdraws from the institution. If future enrollment is an option, the Vice President for Student Development outlines the conditions necessary for consideration of re-admission.
4. The student meets the conditions for an involuntary administrative withdrawal and a referral to the Withdrawal Evaluation Panel is made. If the severity of the student behavior warrants, an interim suspension (as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct) will be enacted and an evaluation by a mental health or medical professional will be required. Circumstances will determine whether the results of the evaluation are needed before a hearing is conducted or a final decision is rendered.

### The Withdrawal Evaluation Panel

The Panel will be composed of three members selected from the following:

Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee  
Chaplain and Director of Religious and Spiritual Life  
Director of Campus Life  
Director of Counseling Services  
Director of Health Services

## Hearing Guidelines

The following guidelines govern the hearing:

1. The student has the right to be present throughout the hearing unless removal is warranted due to behavior and/or verbal comments that interfere with the panel's ability to conduct a fair, timely, respectful and professional hearing.
2. The student's attendance isn't mandatory or required. Thus, if he/she does not attend, the hearing may be conducted in the student's absence.
3. A family member or mental health professional may accompany the student to the hearing for support; however, the student will be expected to speak on his/her own behalf.
4. The student has the right to review all documented reports before the hearing, with the exception of confidential or personal notes.
5. This hearing process will be consistent with a standard disciplinary hearing.

## Panel Decision

The Withdrawal Evaluation Panel will submit written findings to the Vice President for Student Development within 48 hours of the conclusion of the hearing. If an involuntary withdrawal is recommended, the length of time and conditions for consideration of re-admission will be stipulated. If an involuntary withdrawal is not recommended, then any conditions for continued enrollment will be stipulated.

The student will be notified in person by the Vice President for Student Development or designee within two days of the decision. A formal letter, specifying the decision and any contingencies, will be sent to the student. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

## Appeal Process

The student has the right to appeal a decision involving separation from the College. The President or his/her designee will hear the appeal and render a decision. This decision will be final.

## Conditions for Re-Admission

Any student who voluntarily or involuntarily withdraws from the College may be subject to specific conditions for re-admission. These conditions are decided on a case-by-case basis and may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Submission of a psychological assessment by a qualified mental health professional. The assessment must include a decision about the individual's readiness to return to school and any treatment or other recommendations that are in the best interest of the individual.
2. Restriction from residing in or entering residential facilities.

3. Successful completion of coursework at another institution or verification of successful employment.
4. Review by the Vice President for Student Development in consultation with the Director of Counseling Services and a member of the Withdrawal Evaluation Panel which presided over the original hearing.

## Failure to Comply

A student's failure to attend, comply, or adhere to any aspect of this process or the conditions stipulated will result in an involuntary withdrawal or suspension from the College.

# GENERAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

## College Computing Guidelines

West Virginia Wesleyan College makes available computing and network resources which may be used by College undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff. These resources, which are administered by Computing Services, are intended to be used for educational purposes and to carry out the legitimate business of the College. These guidelines shall be considered a supplement to the Student Handbook and violations of the guidelines shall be handled in accordance with the procedures set forth in the handbook.

Users of Computing Services should keep in mind the limited nature of the resources it provides and act accordingly. The Computer Center should be notified about violations of computer laws and policies, as well as about potential loopholes in the security of its operation of computer systems and networks. The user community is expected to cooperate with the Computer Center in its operation of computer systems and networks, as well as in the investigation of misuse or abuse.

## Computer Use Policy

1. Students shall use only the account(s) specifically assigned to them regardless of intent. Students are responsible for the safeguarding of the account through a secret password and correct login/logout procedures. The Computer Center must be



contacted immediately if it is believed that the account has been tampered with.

2. Use of College computing and network systems/equipment is for academic and administrative purposes only. Accounts may be used for personal electronic mail provided it does not violate any other implied or stated WVWC and/or Internet policies. This includes, but is not limited to, using electronic mail to harass or threaten others. Users do not own their accounts, but are granted the privilege of exclusive use. Misuse may result in the loss of computing and/or network access.
3. Attempting to monitor, tamper with another user's electronic communications, or reading, copying, changing, or deleting another user's files or software without the explicit agreement of the owner is a violation of policy. In accordance with the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (1986) the College will not intercept nor disclose electronic communications except as specified in the ECPA. Computing Services will provide reasonable security for accounts, however, it is also understood that this security is not a guarantee of privacy.
4. Deliberately wasting and/or overloading computing resources, such as printing too many copies of a document is not allowed. Inappropriate mass mailings to newsgroups, mailing lists, or individuals are similarly prohibited. You may not initiate or propagate electronic chain letters.
5. You may not forge the identity of a user or machine in an electronic communication. This includes using an anonymous sender service.
6. You may not knowingly or carelessly perform an act that will interfere with the normal operation of computers, terminals, peripherals, or networks. This includes running or installing on any computer system or network, or giving to another user, a program intended to damage or to place excessive load on a computer system or network. This also includes, but is not limited to, programs known as computer viruses, Trojan Horses, and worms.
7. You may not violate copyright laws and their fair use provisions through inappropriate reproduction or dissemination. Utilizing College resources for any commercial activity is expressly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to text, music and video as specified in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA).
8. Public posting and/or distribution of private e-mail messages are prohibited unless expressly authorized by the original sender.

### **Guidelines for Public Computer Use**

Computer labs and public computers are for the use of current WVWC students, staff and faculty. Access is limited to those possessing a current

College ID. Those without an ID must obtain special approval from the Director of Computing Services to use lab facilities. Immediate relatives of faculty and staff may obtain a special ID from Human Resources and will be allowed to use the labs when there are sufficient numbers of computers available.

College equipment must be treated with care. Thus, there is no eating or drinking allowed in any College computer lab. If there are questions regarding the operation of equipment, users should consult a Computing Services employee for assistance.

You may not attach any computer, equipment, peripheral or otherwise access the network without prior permission from Computing Services.

## **Solicitation Policy**

The term "solicitation" is used to describe the sale of products or the seeking of funds, signatures, merchandise, participation in selected activities, or supplies. Commercial (for profit) solicitation is not permitted on College property except by approval of the Coordinator of Student Activities and Conferences. In these situations, the sales are to be limited to the Campus Center. The Coordinator of Student Activities and Conferences reserves the right to audit account receipts before, during, and after the event. Commercial groups receiving approval to sell items in the Campus Center must agree to give the College a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the gross sales.

Recognized campus groups entering into a project which involves raising money or selling items on campus must have the approval of the Coordinator of Student Activities and Conferences. Door-to-door solicitation is not permitted in residence halls (unless approved by the Director of Campus Life). On campus groups receiving permission to solicit may do so in residence hall lounges and other public areas in campus buildings, as long as this solicitation is consistent with the educational purposes and policies of the College.

All solicitations of funds or gifts-in-kind from any off-campus source shall be cleared in advance through the Institutional Advancement Office. This policy applies, without exception, to all College personnel including faculty and administrative staff, and to all College-sanctioned groups or activities (including but not limited to athletic teams, theatre, jazz band, chorale, fraternities and sororities, and other clubs and organizations).

## **Student/Organization Publication Guidelines**

Placing banners, posters, flyers, and stickers on College property without proper authorization by the Office of Campus Life is prohibited. Only recognized Wesleyan organizations are eligible to display posters, banners, and flyers on campus. These items must relate to that organization's activities or events, must clearly indicate the sponsoring organization(s), and must be in good taste with respect to appearance, context, pictures, and language. Information pertaining to policies, procedures, and general operation of the residence halls does not require the stamp of approval.

Commercial advertising of products or services is not permitted; however, one (1) poster may be placed within the Campus Center after proper approval is received. Commercial advertising announcing special discounts for College students may be placed in individual campus mailboxes once per semester for a modest fee.

Individual mailbox distribution of bulk commercial materials requires approval of the Post Office Director and Coordinator of Student Activities and Conferences. Banners, posters, and flyers, which do not comply with the above regulations, will be removed by the appropriate College personnel, and the organization that posted them may be responsible for the cost of such removal.

## **RESIDENTIAL LIVING**

### **Residency Requirement**

As part of our distinctive living-learning environment, West Virginia Wesleyan College (WVWC) is proudly a residential institution, featuring educational programs that focus on student learning and personal development. Therefore, students are required to live on campus throughout their enrollment at Wesleyan unless an exception is approved by the Campus Life Office. Residence Hall Agreements are for the entire academic year (August through May).

Applications for an exception to the residency requirement for continuing students must be submitted to the Campus Life Office. Leases or other living arrangements should not be confirmed until exceptions are approved and verified in writing from the Campus Life Office. Letters of exception will be distributed via campus mailboxes.

### **Exceptions to the Residency Requirement**

Exceptions to the residency requirement include:

1. Non-traditional age - reaching 23 prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
2. Married - verified with a marriage license.
3. Living at home (or with an approved family member; aunt, uncle, grandparent, legal guardian) within a 40 mile radius of campus - a notarized letter from parent(s) or legal guardian(s) verifying who the student is living with and also verifying the address is required. The Campus Life Office reserves the right to require further verification, if warranted.
4. Medical release form (available in the Campus Life Office, this process normally occurs during the fall semester only) filled out and signed by a physician describing a need for off campus living arrangements. Submitting this form is not a guarantee of the student's release from our residential living requirement. The documentation will be reviewed by a committee of College officials, whose expertise is related to the student's request and the reasons therein. This Committee is charged with determining appropriate accommodation(s). Exceptions based on medical issues are only allowed when it is determined that we cannot accommodate special needs through our various on-campus/residential living options.
5. Fifth year seniors are allowed to live off campus; but, must complete the appropriate forms prior to the beginning of the academic year (of the fifth year of attendance).

Students found to be in violation of any of the aforementioned policies may be referred for judicial action. In addition, if a student and his/her parent or legal guardian falsify information in order to live off campus, the College reserves the right to charge the student for on-campus housing during said semester or year..

## **GREEK LIFE**

### **Greek Organizations**

These guidelines for College interaction with Greek organizations reaffirm West Virginia Wesleyan College's traditional commitment to the development and support of the fraternity and sorority system as an integral aspect of the College community. This document also affirms the commitment of the fraternity and sorority system to high scholastic performance, community engagement, leadership development, and personal and chapter achievements.

The College recognizes the opportunities that fraternity and sorority affiliation offer to students for intellectual, cultural, and interpersonal growth. These opportunities constitute a positive and important complement to the College's formal academic program.

The fraternity and sorority system recognizes that Greek organizations exist at West Virginia Wesleyan College with the College's consent and that each chapter has the obligation to provide chapter involvement, and to be a positive influence on the College campus and the quality of life therein. Chapters also have the responsibility to respect the mission, goals, traditions and policies of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

The two communities recognize a responsibility to promote the continued positive relationship between fraternities and sororities, their alumni, their national organizations and the College. These Guidelines outline the mutual expectations of both communities, and will be reviewed annually, and revised as required.

### **Role of Greek Alumni/Alumnae**

Alumni/Alumnae of fraternities and sororities provide continuity, maturity, guidance, leadership, business and financial experience and advice to their affiliated chapters and to the College. They often finance the renovations of student housing (fraternities) and suites (sororities). Fraternity and sorority alumni/alumnae often show greater loyalty to, and interest in, the College as a result of their involvement with their affiliated chapters.

Chapter advisors, drawn from the ranks of the alumni/alumnae of West Virginia Wesleyan College and other Colleges at which chapters are chartered, become important partners in the process of developing individual student and chapter excellence.

### **Establishment of New Chapters**

Policies and procedures regarding the expansion of the fraternity and sorority system are established by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Association (PHA), and are subject to Student Senate approval. These policies are included in the constitutions of the IFC and PHA.

### **Governance of Chapters**

The College recognizes the IFC as the governing board of the fraternity system and the Panhellenic Association as the governing board of the sorority system. The power and authority of the IFC and PHA, as outlined in their respective constitutions, are subject to all the rules and regulations promulgated by the College.

For a more detailed and complete overview of Greek Life at West Virginia Wesleyan College, please contact the Office of Greek Life or visit the web page at <http://www.wvwc.edu/GreekAffairs/>.

## **MOTOR VEHICLE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Registration of Vehicles on Campus**

1. All students, faculty, staff or other employees of the College who park in College owned lots at any time are required to register their motor vehicle on campus by purchasing a numbered parking decal or "hang tag". The "hang tag" must be displayed from the inside rearview mirror at all times while the vehicle is parked on campus, even in a loading/unloading zone. It is considered a violation of parking regulations to display the tag on the dash or to hang it in such a way that its numbers aren't visible from outside the vehicle.
2. Items required to register a motor vehicle are:
  - a) A valid driver's license.
  - b) Make, model, year, and license number of the vehicle to be registered.
  - c) Proof of ownership (certificate of registration).
3. Possession of a valid parking hang tag does not guarantee that a parking space, especially one near a particular building or area, will be available upon arrival on campus.
4. Any lost or stolen hang tag must be reported immediately to the Office of Campus Safety and Security. A new hang tag must then be purchased for the full amount for that academic year.
5. The individual in whose name a vehicle and hang tag are registered will be held responsible for all parking and traffic violations attributed to the registered vehicle and/or purchased hang tag.
6. WVWC parking hang tag must be purchased annually, expiring each year on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Parking Regulations**

1. The responsibility of finding a legal parking space rests solely with the vehicle operator. The lack of what the vehicle operator deems to be an adequate parking space is not an acceptable excuse for violating any parking regulation(s).
2. Handicapped parking spaces are identified by the official handicapped emblem, and the adjacent curbs and stripes are painted a light blue. Handicapped spaces are restricted from general use 24 hours a day. Vehicles parked in handicapped spaces must display an official handicapped license plate or a WVWC handicapped decal. WVWC handicapped decals may be obtained at the Campus Safety and Security office for any student, faculty or staff member whose mobility is limited due to injuries and/or medical procedures. These decals are issued at no cost and are only valid for a specified period of time. These decals are authorized for use in WVWC parking lots only.
3. Fire lanes shall be designated by red curbs and/or red stripes and will be clearly marked to indicate a prohibited area.

4. No parking is permitted on the lawn or sidewalks. This includes the period during which students are moving in/out of the residence halls.
5. Prohibited zones are marked with yellow lines and/or yellow curbs; at times they are also designated by "No Parking" signs. These areas include, but are not limited to, loading/unloading zones, parking zones for maintenance vehicles, etc.
6. During the academic year, student parking in designated faculty/staff only areas and faculty/staff parking in student designated areas are strictly prohibited.
7. The streets surrounding the College campus (Camden Avenue, College Avenue, Meade Street, Railroad Avenue, Randolph Street, etc.) are under the jurisdiction of the City of Buckhannon.
8. No weapons of any kind may be stored in a vehicle while on College property. All legal weapons must be stored at the Office of Campus Safety and Security.

### **Visitor Parking**

Visitors to campus are permitted to park in Lot "A" (the lot between Jenkins Hall and the Loar Memorial Building). This is the designated lot for visitors until 10:00 p.m. If a visitor is spending the night on campus, they must first obtain an overnight visitor pass from the Office of Campus Safety and Security.

This visitor's pass will be displayed on the vehicle dash where it is visible through the windshield. Vehicles displaying this overnight visitor pass will be the only vehicles allowed to park in this lot after 10:00 p.m. each night. This lot is strictly a Visitor's Parking Lot; therefore, residential and commuter students, as well as faculty and staff members, may be ticketed if they choose to park in this area.

### **Payment of Fines and Fees**

1. All fines for parking violations must be paid at the Office of Student Accounts in the Administration Building during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Fines and fees are applicable to all employees, guests and students (graduate and undergraduate). Registration fees for faculty/staff must be paid at the Office of Student Accounts. Students may request that their parking registration fee be charged to their student account.
2. Acceptable forms of payment for fines and fees include cash, bank check, personal check, credit card, or money order; or, for students only, the fine or fee may be posted to the student's account. All checks should be made payable to WVWC.
3. All parking fines and fees are valid financial obligations, due and payable to West Virginia Wesleyan College. Any individual who refuses to pay delinquent fines may have their parking privileges revoked and their vehicles towed when parked on College property.

### **Parking Ticket Appeal Process**

1. The Parking Appeal Board, whose charge it is to review all submitted parking appeals, consists of one (1) faculty, staff and student representative.
2. Parking tickets can be appealed to the Parking Appeal Board within ten working days of the date the parking ticket was issued. Appeal forms can be found on-line at the following address: [www.wvwc.edu/intranet](http://www.wvwc.edu/intranet). Upon its completion, this form must then be submitted to the following e-mail address: [parkingappeal@wvwc.edu](mailto:parkingappeal@wvwc.edu). Fines for any parking tickets, which are not paid or appealed within ten working days, will automatically be posted to the student's account. After that time, no appeal will be permitted.
3. If an appeal has been filed within the allotted timeframe, the appeal board will meet to consider the merits of this appeal and then render their decision. If the appeal is granted, the ticket will be dismissed and the student will not be charged. If the appeal is denied, the student will owe the amount of the fine, which, upon request of the student, will be posted to the student's account. If the fine isn't paid within ten days of the appeal board's decision, it will automatically be posted to the student's account. The decision of the appeal board is final.

### **Damage to Vehicles/Property**

The College is not responsible at any time for the care or protection of vehicles or their contents. Any damage or loss that occurs to a parked vehicle on College property should be reported to the Campus Safety and Security Office, the Buckhannon Police Department and the owner's automobile insurance company.

### **Additional Information**

For more detailed information regarding Motor Vehicle Policies and Procedures, including the amount of fines for various offenses; designated parking areas; and, traffic regulations, please refer to the complete Policies and Procedures manual provided by our Office of Safety and Security. A printed copy is available upon request. This brochure is also available on the College's website.

## **City Ordinances**

As a courtesy, we provide the following summary of city regulations that are most relevant to our students. We consider West Virginia Wesleyan College to be an important part of the Buckhannon/Upshur community and are proud of the partnership we share.

1. The open container law prohibits alcoholic beverages on the streets.

2. Pedestrians have the right of way in marked crosswalks. Drivers must stop for pedestrians in these areas. Jaywalkers are subject to ticketing.
3. Bicyclists are subject to and must obey various City ordinances and traffic control signals. Riding on sidewalks and going the wrong way on one-way streets is prohibited.
4. Parking of motor vehicles on lawns or areas not designated as driveways is prohibited.
5. There are regulations against loud noises, P.A. systems, and amplifying systems.
6. No open fires, except barbecue grills, are permitted within City limits. Violators will be arrested.
7. The courts take a stern view of cases involving stolen street signs and traffic control devices, and vandalism of any nature.
8. No person shall discharge any firearm, gun, air rifle, spring gun or any gun so constructed as to discharge pellets by compressed air or compressed gas within this municipality, except that this article shall not apply to police officers or other persons in the discharge of their official duties nor to any firing squad at a military funeral or ceremony nor to any properly constructed range approved by the Chief of Police.
9. Skateboards are not permitted on city sidewalks or streets.

10. There is no parking on Main Street between 3 a.m. – 5 a.m. so the street sweeper can clean streets. All vehicles will be ticketed or towed at owner's expense.
11. The speed limit on city streets, unless otherwise posted, is 25 mph. Violators will be ticketed. The Police Department uses radar within City limits.
12. Stop signs and all traffic control devices are to be obeyed. Violators will be ticketed.
13. Parking meters are to be paid when parking downtown. All yellow zones and other prohibited zones are to be obeyed. Violators will be ticketed. If tickets are not paid, violators will be picked up on warrant.
14. Loud and excessive noise of any kind will not be tolerated. Violators can be arrested under City Ordinance No. 100 or State Code 61-6-1b for disorderly conduct.
15. Students are to obey the directives of a police officer, if requested. Any student having a problem with an arrest or charge can have, upon request, a day in court through the municipal judge.
16. City Ordinance No. 100 also addresses general public intoxication, alcohol consumption in a public place and public urination.

## **Concluding Remarks**

If you have any questions regarding the policies, procedures, services and/or opportunities contained in this Handbook, please feel free to stop by the Office of Student Development to ask any questions you might have—or to provide feedback. We welcome your suggestions and insights. In fact, we invite you to come visit without an issue, question or agenda—just to visit—and, look forward to getting to know you during your time here. Always remember: this is YOUR COLLEGE; and, you and your experience matter to us. We hope you have a rich and memorable learning experience at our ‘home among the hills;’ and, we are here to help you make the most of it all!