



North Hennepin Community College

Policy Information

Number: 3.1

Name: Student Rights and Responsibilities

Author: Policy Committee

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Regulatory Authority:

- Minnesota State Board Policy 3.1 – Student Rights and Responsibilities
 - <http://www.minnstate.edu/board/policy/301.html>

Part 1. Policy Statement

Subpart A. Freedom to Learn

In addition to the basic constitutional rights enjoyed by all citizens, students at North Hennepin Community College have specific rights related to academic freedom and their status as students. Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The freedom to learn depends upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the larger community. Students are expected to exercise their freedom with responsibility.

Subpart B. Freedom of Expression

Individual students and student organizations shall be free to examine and to discuss all questions of interest to them and to express opinions publicly and privately. They shall be free to support causes by orderly means that do not substantially disrupt the regular and essential operations of the institution. The college respects individual student opinions and perspectives. Students are responsible for demonstrating an understanding of the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled.

Subpart C. Freedom of Association

Students shall be free to organize and join organizations to promote their common and lawful interests, subject to institutional policies or regulations. Registration or recognition may be withheld or withdrawn from organizations that violate college policies, procedures, or regulations.

Subpart D. Student-Sponsored Forums

Students shall have the right to assemble, to select speakers, and to discuss issues of their choice. The College shall establish reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions to assure that the assembly does not substantially disrupt the work of the institution or does not interfere with the opportunity of other students to obtain an education or otherwise infringe upon the rights of

others. Such regulations shall not be used as a means of censorship. The College President or designee may prohibit any forum when there is a likelihood of harm to individuals or damage to property if the event is held. Prior to any such prohibition, the College President shall make his or her best effort to consult with the student association.

Subpart E. Student Publications

Student-funded publications shall be free of censorship and advance approval of copy, and their editors and managers shall be free to develop their own editorial and news coverage policies. Editors and managers of student publications shall be protected from arbitrary suspension and removal because of student, faculty, administrative, or public disapproval of editorial policy or content. The student fee allocation process shall not be used as a means of editorial control of student-funded publications. All student publications shall explicitly state on the editorial page that the opinions there expressed are not necessarily those of the College, system, or student body.

Subpart F. Student Policies

The policies of the College regarding student expectations, rights and responsibilities shall be readily accessible to students. All College policies and procedures are found online at www.nhcc.edu/policies.

Subpart G. Catalog and Course Information

To the extent possible, students shall be provided relevant and accurate information regarding courses prior to enrollment. Whenever possible, information about course materials should be available three weeks prior to the start of the term. Catalog descriptions and website postings shall be accurate and based on information existing at the time of publication. To the extent possible, class schedules shall list the names of faculty teaching courses.

Subpart H. Student Academic Standing Information

Students shall have access to accurate information for establishing and maintaining acceptable academic standing, information which will enable students to determine their individual academic standing, and information regarding graduation requirements.

Subpart I. Academic Evaluation

Student academic performance shall be evaluated solely on the basis of academic standards, including any requirements that are noted in the catalog, course syllabus, or student handbook. Students shall have protection against prejudiced or capricious evaluation and shall not be evaluated on the basis of opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students shall have the right to review their graded examinations or other required assignments used by the faculty in evaluating the student's academic performance.

Subpart J. Property Rights

Term papers, essays, projects, works of art, and similar property including property in which the student has intellectual property rights pursuant to Board Policy 3.26 shall be returned to a student upon request, within a reasonable timeframe, when no longer needed for evaluation purposes, unless the student grants written permission for them to be retained.

Subpart K. Student Review and Consultation

Students shall have the right to appropriate levels of participation in College decision-making pursuant to Board Policy 2.3 and Procedure 2.3.1, Student Involvement in Decision-Making.

Part 2. Campus Review

Review Action	Date(s)
Campus Community Review Period	02-Nov-2018 through 21-Nov-2018
AFSCME Review	December 2018
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	10-Dec-2018
MAPE Review	December 2018
MMA Review	December 2018
Shared Governance Council Review	14-Dec-2018
Student Senate Review	6-Dec-2018
President Approval	28-Mar-2019
Campus Community Dissemination	April 2019

History

- New policy effective 26-August-2013
- Reviewed Fall 2018