

Students' Bill of Rights

PREAMBLE:

We, the students of Skidmore College, recognize that this academic institution exists for the pursuit of knowledge, truth, and individual development. Free inquiry and free speech

community, we have the responsibility to contribute to an environment of trust that protects the freedom of all to exchange and develop ideas; only in such trust and freedom is it possible for students to live together and learn from the faculty and one another.

Any violation of the principles embodied in this document, the Student/College

III. Rights in Student Affairs

A. Freedom of Association

1. Students have the right to participate in the formulation of college policy by serving as members of appropriate committees as described in the Faculty Handbook, SGA Constitution, and Student Handbook.
2. Students are free to organize and join associations to promote their common interests.
3. Membership in all SGA clubs and organizations, including those affiliated with outside organizations, must be open to students who meet the criteria set forth in the respective charters.
4. Students who are members of the Student Government Association, and who meet the criteria set forth in the Student Government handbook, may hold any elected or willingness-to-serve position.

B. Freedom of Inquiry and Speech

1. Students, independently and collectively, are free to examine and discuss all questions of interest. Students are free to support all causes through peaceful means and to debate opinions both publicly and privately.
2. Skidmore students may invite and hear the views and ideas of any person as long as the safety of all parties is ensured.
3. The institutional control of campus facilities cannot be used as a device of censorship.

IV. Rights in Disciplinary Proceedings

A. Students have the right to be informed of the College's expectations for student behavior, both inside and outside of the classroom. Actions violating stated rules and regulations in the College Handbook will not be excused with pleas of ignorance. If the handbook seems unclear, students are encouraged to contact the Dean of Student Affairs for clarification.

B. Students' personal possessions or residences can only be searched as agreed upon in

V. Community Accountability

utilizing the appropriate judicial body or officer, if administrators, faculty, students, or other community members violate the Skidmore College Honor Code and/or other

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