

III. USER RESPONSIBILITIES & CONSEQUENCES OF MISUSE

The university reserves the right to place restrictions on the use of its electronic resources in response to complaints that present evidence of violations of university policies, rules, regulations or codes, or local, state or federal laws and regulations. Actions that violate these policies can result in immediate disabling, suspension and/or revocation of the account owner's privileges pending review for further action. Such unauthorized or illegitimate use of electronic resources including computer accounts, resources or facilities may subject the violators to appropriate disciplinary, criminal and/or legal action by the university and/or the state. If evidence is established, the university authorities responsible for overseeing these policies and codes will be consulted on the appropriateness of specific actions.

Individuals who have concerns about the conduct of a member of the university community or the propriety of a given situation or activity should notify their department chair, dean, director or an administrator in their supervisory chain at a level sufficient to allow objectivity in evaluating the subject of concern. If action is deemed warranted by this official, the matter shall be referred to the appropriate vice chancellor or senior officer. Prior to taking action, the vice chancellor or senior officer responsible for the situation or activity at issue shall consult with the vice chancellor for ITSD, who shall, as appropriate, consult with University Counsel. The responsible official shall then respond to university community members who express concerns about such activities or incidents, and shall inform the chancellor regarding their response.

When concern about a given situation or activity involves an imminent threat to individuals, systems or facilities, users should immediately communicate the concern directly to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Systems and to University Police.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION BY NON-UNIVERSITY SPONSORED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

I. PURPOSE

The University of North Carolina Wilmington is a community which embraces diversity. The university supports activities that encourage understanding, respect and appreciation for different points of view. In pursuit of this goal, the university aspires to protect its educational mission while also protecting the first amendment right to free speech. The granting of this privilege does not imply any endorsement or support for the views expressed by the individual or group.

II. POLICY & PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

The following policy provides standards and guidelines necessary to maintain the orderly and essential operation of the university.

1. Any individual or group seeking the opportunity to speak on campus must register with the Office of the Dean of Students at least 24 hours prior to any activity.
2. The individual or group will be assigned to a specific area and granted permission to assemble for a duration of no longer than two hours.
3. The individual or group will be required to display a copy of the registration approved by the Office of the Dean of Students.
4. The individual or group will not under any circumstances be permitted to sell items or solicit funds.
5. The individual or group will be allowed to continue to assemble for the full duration of time approved on the registration unless:
 - a. Normal university activity is disrupted;
 - b. University property is being damaged;
 - c. Individuals or observers not actively engaged in a dialogue with the speaker are being harassed or verbally abused; or
 - d. The physical safety and well-being of any member of the university community or visitors on the campus is threatened.
6. Any member of the UNCW community may report a violation or concern regarding the behavior of a registered individual or group to the Office of the Dean of Students.
7. A member of the Office of the Dean of Students will assess the situation, evaluate the allegation in relation to the established policy, and determine if the individual or group should be allowed to continue.
8. If the Office of the Dean of Students determines that an individual or group is in violation of any standard during the assembly, the individual or group will be escorted from university by the University Police.
9. Any individual or group who violates the policy may lose all privileges to assemble on campus in the future.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

I. PURPOSE

If you believe that you have a legitimate grievance against another student or university employee in a matter other than those covered by the Grade Appeals Procedure or those within the jurisdiction of the University Judicial System, you may seek a resolution of that grievance through this procedure. If your complaint involves an academic matter, it must be filed before the last day of the next regular semester; if it is not academic related, it must be filed within thirty

(30) days of the date the alleged incident occurred or from the date of the consequences of the alleged incident.

II. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

To initiate the procedure, first, discuss your complaint with the dean of students or the compliance officer who will advise you of the steps in the grievance process and, depending on the nature of your grievance, will direct you to the appropriate reviewing officer. You may make your complaint to this officer either orally or in writing, but this officer must record your complaint in a written statement identifying you, the conduct you are complaining of and the employee alleged to have engaged in it. In every case, the Compliance Officer will be given a copy of this record.

If you seek personal redress for an alleged wrong, you must be willing to be identified to the person charged. If you are willing to do so, the reviewing officer will notify, in writing, the person charged, stating the nature of the complaint and indicating that an informal inquiry will be conducted. If you are not willing to be identified or you cease to seek personal redress, the institution may pursue an inquiry on the institution's behalf and in its name rather than yours, if it determines that such action is necessary. These latter administrative procedures are initiated by the institution to assure appropriate conduct by its employees (e.g., when the institution seeks to prevent likely recurrence of apparent improper conduct, even though no individual complainant wishes to pursue a personal grievance).

III. FORMAL COMPLAINTS

If your grievance cannot be resolved at an informal level, you may file a formal complaint with the vice chancellor who has administrative jurisdiction over the person named in your complaint. The vice chancellor will then convene the student grievance panel. This committee will hear your complaint and then make its recommendation to the vice chancellor, who will render the decision.

IV. APPEAL

If you are unsatisfied with the resolution rendered by the vice chancellor, you may appeal it to the chancellor, who will render the final decision.

HURRICANE POLICY

1. University officials closely monitor tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes. Detailed tracking by the Emergency Operating Committee is begun at the first announcement of a hurricane watch.
2. Upon announcement of a hurricane watch, students will be encouraged to develop plans for evacuation.
3. Classes and other university events will be cancelled by the chancellor when appropriate. The university community will be informed through