

Dixie State University Policy

601 Professional Standards in Teaching



I. Scope

- 1.1 As part of the ongoing attempt to improve Dixie State University's academic climate, the Faculty Senate has approved this resolution for professionalism in teaching.
- 1.2 The Faculty Senate recommends the following:
 - 1.2.1 Use class time wisely-- begin on time, avoid interruptions, and end on time.
 - 1.2.2 Use departmental options to cover teacher absences including:
 - 1.2.2.1 Substitute teachers
 - 1.2.2.2 Exams
 - 1.2.2.3 Assignments in library
 - 1.2.2.4 Meaningful out-of-class assignments
 - 1.2.2.5 ASC support services
 - 1.2.3 Use current teaching strategies, texts, and other classroom materials to promote state-of-the-art instruction.
 - 1.2.4 Promote an atmosphere in which students are treated impartially, regardless of race, gender, creed or disability.
 - 1.2.5 State course and grading requirements in a syllabus and discuss these requirements as completely as possible at the beginning of each semester.
 - 1.2.6 Take roll to facilitate administrative and financial requirements regarding student attendance and withdrawal.
 - 1.2.7 Return student assignments with helpful feedback and as soon as possible.
 - 1.2.8 Provide meaningful grading opportunities and feedback to students before the drop deadline.

- 1.2.9 Give final exams during the scheduled time periods unless compelling reasons exist for using other evaluative measures. Exceptions must be approved by the division dean
- 1.2.10 Administer teacher evaluations by students on a regular basis.
- 1.2.11 Submit final grades on time.
- 1.2.12 Faculty should also stay current in individual disciplines by:
 - 1.2.12.1 Taking additional course work
 - 1.2.12.2 Attending professional conferences
 - 1.2.12.3 Doing and publishing research
 - 1.2.12.4 Consulting in discipline
 - 1.2.12.5 Subscribing to professional journals

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History:

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