

## WVSU Integrity: Ethical & Responsible Conduct

As we learn more about the reaffirmation of accreditation each week in *The Road to State's Reaffirmation 2015*, we will examine how select elements of West Virginia State University campus life and culture interact with the Self-Study Report. It is essential that the University acts with integrity and upholds rigorous standards of ethical and responsible conduct. Therefore, let us briefly review just a few of the ways in which West Virginia State University demonstrates integrity and ethical and responsible conduct.

West Virginia State University's (WVSU's) policies and practices ensure that the University acts responsibly, ethically, and with integrity in its financial, academic, personnel, and auxiliary functions. Fair and ethical policies are in place regarding the conduct and treatment of its governing board, administration, faculty, staff, and students.

WVSU presents itself clearly to students and the public. Its governing board is autonomous and acts in the best interest of the institution. WVSU faculty members' academic freedom is protected, and procedures are in place to ensure that all WVSU students, faculty, and staff conduct academic research and scholarship responsibly and with integrity.

The resources provided to WVSU are derived from a variety of persons, agencies, and institutions. The University administration is appreciative and thankful for the trust bestowed upon the institution by each of these generous parties. The University is committed to employing practices that ensure integrity is at the forefront of each action regarding the use of the aforementioned resources.

WVSU established a system of policies and procedures for its students, faculty, staff, administration, governing board, and staff of the R&D Corporation that ensures fair and ethical conduct in its financial, academic, personnel, and auxiliary functions. Following the selection of President Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D. in July 2012, WVSU undertook a review of all institutional policies and procedures. The policies are intended to provide a safe, fair, equitable, secure, healthy, sustainable environment for students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors.

For more information about The Road to State's Reaffirmation 2015, please click <u>here</u> to discover in-depth information about the process, read the University's Self-Study Report, and more!

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