

preparation for the event, and that the occasion is conducted in a manner appropriate to the academic community. While students are expected to follow procedures prescribed by the College with respect to requesting facilities for their programs, the College shall not use its control of facilities as a device for censorship. The College has affirmed that faculty members and students shall enjoy freedom in their teaching, learning, and research. Speakers are brought to campus to allow consideration of a wide range of opinions in a forum of free inquiry; the appearance of a speaker on campus in no way indicates agreement with his or her views or endorsement of his or her position.

Student Participation in Institutional Government

Students are free, as individuals and as groups, to express their views on matters of College policy and on other issues of interest to them. The Student Government, the campus newspaper, and other organizations provide forums for discussion and orderly means for the communication of opinion to the College authorities. Other avenues for expression and communication may be developed as the need arises.

Student Publications

Lafayette College regards student publications as valuable aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion and of intellectual exploration on the campus. They are a means of bringing student concerns to the attention of the College community and of formulating student opinions on campus issues and world affairs.

Since Lafayette meets this commitment by providing funds and facilities for these activities, it may have to bear legal and financial responsibility for the content and operation of the publications. Within the limits imposed by this responsibility, Lafayette is committed to freedom of expression in order that student publications may maintain their integrity of purpose.

The freedom of student editors and managers entails corollary responsibilities to be governed by the canons of responsible journalism, such as the avoidance of libel, slander, obscenity, undocumented allegations, and the techniques of harassment and innuendo. All student publications must explicitly state on the editorial page that the opinions there expressed are not necessarily those of the College or student body. For the protection of the editorial freedom of student publications, the College subscribes to the following safeguards:

1. The student press is free of censorship and advance approval of copy, and its editors and managers are free to develop their own editorial policies and news coverage.
2. Editors and managers of student publications are protected from arbitrary suspension and removal because of student, faculty, administrative, or public disapproval of editorial policy or content. Only for the aforementioned causes are editors and managers subject to removal and then by orderly procedures.

IV. EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP: INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND LEGAL PENALTIES

Lafayette College students are both citizens and members of the academic community. As citizens they enjoy the same rights—for example, freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, and right of petition—and obligations that other citizens enjoy and, as members

of the academic community, they are subject to the rights and obligations which accrue to them by virtue of this membership. College authority is not employed to inhibit the exercise of rights of citizenship either on or off campus, but neither do students have special rights with respect to the use of campus quarters and the employment of the College as sanctuary.

Actions of students may, upon occasion, result in violation of law and incur penalties prescribed by civil authorities. In such cases, College officials are prepared to apprise students of sources of legal counsel and may offer such other assistance as appropriate. The authority of the College will not be used merely to duplicate the function of general laws. There may be instances where violation of the public law by a student may affect adversely the interests of the College. Under such circumstances, the College may take disciplinary action. When the authority of the College is so asserted, the student is entitled to the Procedural Standards in Disciplinary Proceedings described in the following sections. The student who, in the course of off-campus activity, incidentally violates institutional regulations such as those relating to class attendance will be subject to no greater penalty than normally would be imposed.

Students are representatives of Lafayette College and conduct away from campus can reflect upon Lafayette as well as upon the individual. College action is independent of external pressure.

PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING THE COLLEGE'S RESPONSE TO MATTERS OF GRAVE SOCIAL OR MORAL CONCERN RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY

The process below was approved by the Board of Trustees on Jan. 27, 2007.

When members of the Lafayette community believe that matters of grave moral or social concern exist that warrant an institutional response, they may bring these matters to the attention of the Board of Trustees pursuant to the following procedures.

Faculty members may bring such issues to the faculty through a designated faculty committee, or may ask for faculty action directly by calling for a vote of the full faculty (during a faculty meeting). Students may bring such issues forward through a process identified by Student Government. Administrators and staff members may bring such issues forward through a designated administrative officer. If the faculty, Student Government, or administrative officer concludes that the issue is of grave moral or social concern to warrant an institutional response, they shall forward such recommendation to the president who shall convene a College-wide ad hoc committee to consider the issue.

The College-wide committee shall include but not necessarily be limited to two faculty members identified in advance by the faculty to serve on this committee, the president of Student Government, the general counsel, the chaplain (or other members of the community to be identified as we refine this process). The committee will consider whether the issue presented meets the threshold of "grave moral or social concern that warrants an institutional response." If the committee concludes that the issue meets that threshold, the committee will forward its recommendation to the president.

Upon receiving the recommendation of the College-wide committee, the president will consider whether he believes that the concern at issue is sufficiently grave and is one that warrants