

Proposal to Add Student Bill of Rights to University Syllabi

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Request: We are asking that all university syllabi include a hyperlink to the Oregon State University [Student Bill of Rights](#). Specifically, we'd like to include the following: "**Student Bill of Rights:** OSU has twelve established student rights. They include due process in all university disciplinary processes, an equal opportunity to learn, and grading in accordance with the course syllabus: <https://asosu.oregonstate.edu/advocacy/rights>."

Origin of the Student Bill of Rights:

The Student Bill of Rights was created in 2017 through a collaborative effort under [Shared Governance](#) between University leadership, ASOSU, and Faculty Senate. On May 9, 2017, OSU President Ed Ray, ASOSU President Rachel Grisham, and Faculty Senate President Job Dorbolo signed OSU's Student Bill of Rights into effect.

Reason for Request:

Under the syllabus minimum course requirements, faculty are asked to include statements on four compulsory University-wide course policies, including Statement Regarding Students with Disabilities and Student Conduct Expectations. Three of the rights in the Student Bill of Rights are especially pertinent to syllabi:

- Right #8 offers students "...due process in all university disciplinary processes"
- Right #9 offers students "...an equal opportunity to learn and to participate and benefit from the academic community"
- Right #12 offers students to "...be graded in accordance with the course syllabus and the quality of their work."

Given that the Student Conduct Expectations are listed in syllabi, it is equitable to communicate to students that they have due process rights if they are accused of a conduct violation.

Statement of Impact:

Including the Student Bill of Rights in course syllabi reinforces that a syllabus is a written agreement between faculty and students. Faculty and students should be able to use syllabi to easily navigate each term. Often times, students feel confused, frustrated, and disappointed as a result of a syllabus not being honored. Inclusion of the Student Bill of Rights will protect students and remind faculty they need to uphold their syllabus. This will improve transparency and clarity within all courses. This will also help protect faculty when students question syllabi.

Inclusion of the Student Bill of Rights in syllabi has the potential to increase knowledge and access to resources such as the Office of Advocacy, EOA, and advisors. Subsequently, campus climate and student well-being will improve. Inclusion of the Student Bill of Rights in syllabi demonstrates OSU's commitment to student welfare.