Grievance Procedure

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE complies with non-discriminatory regulations under Title VI, Title VII, and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX Educational Amendment of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. Inquiries concerning Title VI, VII and IX should be directed to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs at ext. 5555. Inquiries concerning Section 504 and ADA should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at ext. 5488 (Opelika), ext. 5204 (Valley) and ext. 5403 (Wadley). The grievance procedure is located the Catalog Home section under Policy Statements, Complaint Resolution. Grievance Procedure Forms are available by contacting the College Grievance Officer below:

Ms. Marty Kirby Grievance Officer P.O. Box 1000 Wadley, AL 36276 (256) 395-2211 ext. 5112

Freedom of Access to Higher Education

Within the limits of its facilities on all campuses, Southern Union is open to all persons without regard to sex, race, creed, disability, or national origin. It is the responsibility of the College to publish its educational objectives and to make available the criteria it shall use in evaluating student success in all programs. It is the responsibility of the student to avail himself to a knowledge of these objectives and criteria as published and set forth by Southern Union State Community College. Provided they are used in a manner appropriate to the academic community and in compliance with college standard policies, the facilities and services of the College will be open to all of its enrolled students.

Freedom of Expression

The instructor in the classroom and in conference will encourage free discussion, inquiry, and expression where relevant and appropriate to the educational objectives of the course. Students' grades will not be influenced by opinions expressed in the classroom or outside the classroom.

In the classroom, students are invited to express views on matters pertaining to the subject matter. With the freedom of attending class comes the responsibility of being well informed of required class material content. Students have the right to question, through orderly procedures, regarding academic evaluation. Students' grades will be based solely on academic achievement, unless otherwise specified in writing by the professor during the first class meeting.