The institution acts with integrity; its conduct is ethical and responsible.

Summary

To ensure that it acts with integrity, CWRU has a comprehensive set of policies that apply to all levels of its governance structures; the oversight, delivery, and modification of its academic programs; the integrity of its financial operations; the acceptable use of university infrastructure and other resources; the proper conduct of research; and, the expectations for the appropriate and ethical behavior of its students, staff, and faculty. Enforcement of these policies comes through the action of university administrators, through focused compliance programs, and through routine governance and academic processes. In addition, the university is careful about relieving actual or apparent conflicts of interest, at levels up through its Board of Trustees.

Both through printed documents, reports, and publications, as well as through publicly accessible websites, CWRU presents detailed information about its status as a private institution, its academic programs and their curricular requirements, the costs of attendance, the student support services and campus infrastructure that are available, the faculty and staff members, the range of research activities that take place on campus, and other aspects of the student experience. CWRU is clear about its accreditation relationship with the HLC (and posts the HLC mark of affiliation) as well as its relationships with more than 25 specialized agencies that accredit one or more specific programs or schools within CWRU.

Governance and guidance for CWRU at the highest level is provided by the university’s Board of Trustees (BOT). This is an autonomous body that is charged with, and committed to, sustaining the university’s physical and financial assets and ensuring integrity in its operations. The BOT operates under a clear set of bylaws. While the BOT leaves day-to-day operations and management of the university to the university administration, and relies on the faculty to ensure quality of the academic programs, the BOT regularly engages with the institution for the purpose of informing itself about relevant topics and opportunities at the university, and for making recommendations aimed at enhancing CWRU’s long-term welfare.

CWRU is committed to the pursuit of truth in teaching and learning in all areas. In addition, the university embraces the principles underlying, and the practice of, the free exchange of ideas. Language about the pursuit of truth and academic freedom appears explicitly within the Faculty Handbook, for example. The principles of academic inquiry and ethical deliberation are pervasive within the university’s academic programs. Information literacy programs provided by the university are intended to support members of the university community as a regular process of learning.

The university has established several policies and follows multiple practices that promote the responsible and ethical discovery, acquisition, and application of knowledge. These range from the intellectual practices that form the basis for scholarly academic work, to the responsible conduct of research, to the acceptable means for using the university’s technology and other infrastructure. CWRU has established a full set of academic integrity policies for students, and follows practices aimed at ensuring that the entire campus community is held accountable to maintain the standards expressed in these policies.
Sources

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