

Student Council Covenant

All students seeking office should read the information below before accepting their nomination. A signature is required for both the “Leadership Covenant” and the “Student Council Covenant.”

1. Read and sign the “Leadership Covenant” (separate sheet, revised January 2018)

2. Council Office Hours:

Council hours are intended to make Council members more visible and to help the staff with large tasks. One hour per week is expected from everyone on Council, but your particular office may require more time than this one hour. Office hours should not be counted while attending another Wesley function. For example, a Council member should not go to Bible Study and count that as the hour for the week. Also, hours should be held on Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 6 PM if possible.

While holding office hours, Council members should use the following basic guidelines:

1. Work on Council business first.
2. Ask the staff if anything that needs to be done.
3. Check the parking lot for illegally parked cars (ask the Administrator how to do this)
4. Answer the phone. Please answer the phone after 5pm and write down messages whether you are in office hours or not. (Answer: “Wesley Foundation, Can I help you?” or something similar).
5. Do Homework. Academic studies are important.

3. Term:

Council members are expected to serve their full term in office. This includes both the fall and spring semesters. One should not run for office unless they fully expect to be a student both semesters. If there is a possibility of not being a student, this should be discussed with the campus minister before seeking office. Transitioning leadership duties mid-school-year, especially for certain positions, can be difficult, disruptive, or impossible.

4. Activity Participation:

Council members should remain involved in activities for their entire term in office. Other Wesley students should perceive the members of Council as caring about the activities at the Wesley Foundation, and participation is the most effective way to do this. A council member should participate in at least two-thirds of the events (not small groups) that Wesley sponsors during a semester. This includes weekend activities such as fellowship activities, work projects. Participation in yearly, big events (i.e., Church Blitz, Fall Retreat, All Campus Retreat, Benefit Auction, and similar events) is especially important to attend as their success is largely dependent on the efforts of the student leadership.

5. Wednesday Supper, Worship, and Appearance:

Several times a semester, Council members will be asked to be responsible for making sure that the dishes and kitchen as well as the serving and dining tables are clean after Wednesday Supper. If it is impossible to finish before worship, attend worship. It is much more important. However, he or she is still responsible for finishing the job after service. Everyone should help set up for worship (take down tables and set up chairs).

During the hours that Wesley is open, Council Members should help make sure that all lights are on in the entry way and front room. During daylight hours the curtains of the bay window should be open. This helps to increase the friendly appearance and atmosphere of the Wesley Foundation. There are some lights that are supposed to stay on 24 hours a day. These are clearly marked. Even though Wesley has a resident who cleans Wesley, council members should be examples when it comes to keeping Wesley neat and clean from trash. A messy place looks like it's members and leadership are apathetic.

6. Council Planning Retreats:

Attending these retreats is mandatory, barring unforeseen conflicts. Two retreats are held a year, usually the week before the semester begins. These retreats plan the entire semester and parts of the following year. Much of the retreat is for fellowship and for learning about each other. Each member should get a reminder from the chairperson before the retreat for specific details. The dates of these retreats are planned months in advance. You should tell your employer and your family of these dates ASAP so there are no conflicts. Not attending this retreat may be cause to ask a student to resign from council.

7. Council Meetings:

Council meetings are important to attend. Council members are kept up to date on calendar changes and new developments that occur. Sometimes the Student Council rearranges planned activities entirely. It is important to have input from all the Council members. At each meeting, a different Council member will be asked to do a short (five minutes or so) devotional to start the meeting. In addition, all Committee Chairs are asked to give a brief oral report of their committee's latest progress and/or activities.

8. Leadership Meetings

Attending scheduled Leadership Training Meeting are required. These are usually held the hour before Council Meetings.

9. Event Logs

For each event held, the leader(s) who organized the event should fill out an Event log, which should be turned in at the next Council Meeting along with the attendance at the event.

I have read and signed the "Leadership Covenant" (separate from this covenant), understand the above expectations, accept my nomination to serve on the student council, and agree to uphold the letter and the spirit of what is expected of me as a representative of the student council, of the Wesley Foundation, and of Jesus Christ.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Nomination Position Accepted _____