Policy on Classroom Visitation

Frostburg State University supports and defends the individual faculty's right to academic freedom within the context of academic accountability and professional behavior. As an extension of that right, the faculty member has control and authority regarding issuance of permission for visitations to the class by any person or persons who are not regularly enrolled but who express an interest in attending one or more class sessions. Requests for class visitations should be for appropriate reasons such as faculty evaluation, academic or professional interest in the subject matter, or a desire to listen to a guest lecturer. Unless an open invitation is issued by the faculty member for attendance at class meetings, requests for visiting a particular class or classes must be made to the principal instructor of the class in a timely manner so as to comply with professional courtesy. Such requests should indicate a reason for a requested visit. This policy shall not prohibit reasonable, unannounced fire, health and safety inspection by the Office of Human Resources Safety Office Representatives.

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