HEART College of Innovation & Technology (formerly Caribbean Institute of Technology)

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The Students/clients of HEART College of Innovation & Technology shall have and may exercise their individual rights and freedoms, subject always to the need to respect and protect the rights of other members of the college. Subject to these qualifications the following rights and freedoms of students/ clients are recognized by HEART College of Innovation & Technology:

1. Freedom of Speech – The right to express themselves on any subject without hindrance, but subject always to the college's Policies, Procedures, Regulations and Guidelines and civil and criminal laws.

2. Assembly – The right to organize and take part in orderly assemblies at the college, so long as such assemblies are not contrary to the college's Procedures, Regulations and Guidelines.

3. Student Organization – The right to form, elect and maintain a democratic student organization for the purpose of organizing and administering the proper affairs of students.

4. Impartial Assessment – The right to be assessed fairly on academic performance and to be protected against bias, prejudice or capricious assessment by faculty.

5. Academic Appeal - The right to request a review of those matters, which may affect academic status and/or advancement.

6. Information – The right to enquire into and be informed about the reasons for college's Policies, Procedures, Regulations and Guidelines; and the right to make

representation for changes to such Policies, Procedures, Regulations and Guidelines.

7. Freedom from Discrimination and Harassment – The right to be secure from discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment. The college prohibits discrimination or harassment based upon any of the following grounds: race, sex, sexual orientation, political belief, age, marital status, family status, physical handicap, mental handicap or HIV/AIDS status

8. Ethical and Professional Education Environment – The right to pursue training and skills development in an educational setting which recognizes sound ethical principles and encourages professionalism in its staff.

9. Privacy of Records – The right to access their personal academic or non-academic records including the right to request a correction of any personal information believed to be in error or incomplete.

10. Release of Information – Student/client records are considered to be confidential personal information which is not released except in the following circumstances:

    a) With the written consent of the student/client;
    b) for the investigative, administrative or statistical purpose of the college and/or departments and agencies of government.
    c) For compassionate circumstances to facilitate contact with next of kin.

11. Privacy of Information – The right to be free from disclosure of information about their views, beliefs and political association, which any staff of HEART College of Innovation & Technology may acquire in the course of their work as advisors or counselors.

12. Discipline - The right to have the enforcement of all disciplinary matters follow the Procedures, Regulations and Guidelines provided in the Colleges Policy documents;

13. Complain & Petition – The right to make a reasonable complaint or petition to the appropriate authority.

14. Policies and Procedures – Policies, Procedures, Regulations and Guidelines shall be made available to any student/client upon request. Students/clients are advised that units/programmes within the college may have Regulations and Procedures that are specific to their areas. Each student/client shall be provided with a copy of this Statement of Student Rights and the Student Code of Conduct prior to beginning a programme or training.

15. Academic Information – The right to obtain in writing and have access to appropriate instructional information such as course outlines, grading/evaluation systems.