

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY & EQUITY

WAIVER OF REPRESENTATION FORM

Note: The rights of unionized employees to have present a union representative and/or choice of representation or support person available during investigatory proceedings were announced by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1975 case (NLRB vs. Weingarten, Inc. 420 U.S. 251, 88 LRRM 2689). These rights have become known as the *Weingarten rights*. Employees have Weingarten rights the course of an official investigation and/or scheduled investigatory proceedings. During an official investigation, university officials will arrange investigatory proceedings (i.e., interivews) to occur in order to question an employee to obtain information which could be used as a basis for discipline or asks an employee to defend his or her alleged conduct. If you do not wish to invoke these rights, or do not require any representation, then please review and sign the below form to ensure you understand your rights.

I, <u>[INSERT NAME]</u>, have been advised that I have a right to a choice of union (or non-union) representation present during my scheduled meeting(s)/interview(s) with, Ms. Jesenia Minier, Chief Diversity Officer/ADA and Title IX Coordinator for the Western Connecticut State University ("WCSU" or "University") Office of Diversity and Equity on <u>[INSERT MEETING DATE]</u>. I have chosen to participate in the scheduled meeting(s)/interview(s) without an identified choice of representation availed and/or present. I, <u>[INSERT NAME]</u>, understand however, that I may stop the scheduled meeting(s)/interview(s) at any time and request a choice of representation if I choose to do so.

I have waived this right freely and voluntarily without any threats or promises of any kind by those present for the scheduled meeting(s)/interview(s) on <u>[INSERT MEETING DATE]</u>.

Signed:(ACCUSED/RESPONDENT)	Date:	Time:
Witnessed by:	Date:	Time:
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