Civil Discourse and Freedom of Expression at WSU

Many universities around the US are facing a range of flashpoints with responses to them varying widely. Effectively managing these flashpoints is a priority and requires proactive planning. WSU has created a Flashpoint response Team composed of administration from Strategic Communications, Student Affairs and Academic Affairs to review policies and procedures currently in place and provide recommendations for responding to such instances.

Resources:

University website – <u>www.wichita.edu/freeexpression</u> - includes a host of information, including:

- A complete freedom of expression curriculum packet for instructors from the Office of Instructional Resources.
- A video that explains topics such as freedom of speech, free expression, the First Amendment, etc.
- A new section full of guidance for faculty, staff and students to encourage and promote civil, thoughtful and constructive discussions.