

SPSU Secular Freethinkers is a unique cultural and social organization. Its purpose is three-fold:

- 1) To provide a positive social environment for Southern Polytechnic students who are skeptics, humanists, freethinkers, and non-theists.
- 2) To enrich Southern Polytechnic campus life by sponsoring educational events and fostering student dialogue on matters of faith, science, and reason.
- 3) To engage Southern Polytechnic students in issues of national and international import surrounding freedom of conscience and secular education.

Any interested students of Southern Polytechnic State University are eligible for official membership in SPSU Secular Freethinkers. Candidates for membership must show willingness to actively participate in the meetings and activities of the organization, and must cooperate with others to keep a hostile-free atmosphere.

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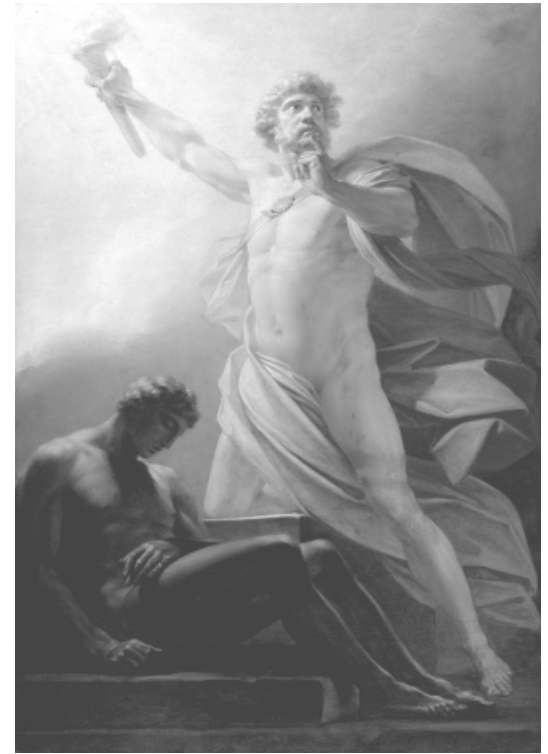
**Student Center  
Room 213**

**Wednesdays, 5:30 PM**

**All are welcome!**

Who are the  
**SPSU Secular  
Freethinkers?**

Fall 2009



## Meetings

We have one meeting per week. The meeting time for the Fall 2009 semester has not been decided. Contact me or join our Facebook group to keep updated.

Each month a broad topic is set, (example: Ethics). During this month, officers or other members may share materials with the rest of the group related to the topic, and do their own research. The topic is not meant to confine discussion or prevent interesting off-topic discussion, it is only there to enhance and encourage discussion. Other topics can be freely discussed when the group shows interest. Members are often interested in diverse topics such as science, politics, philosophy, ethics, and university culture.

## Activities

In addition to meetings, we have parties, movie nights, and other social activities. The amount of social activities we set up is only bound by the energy and motivation of the group members.

## Events

The major event Secular Freethinkers has held is Darwin Day (in honor of Charles Darwin, author of Origin of Species), which occurs annually around February 12. We also can bring in guest speakers and public debates. Many of us are interested in getting involved with service projects. Dragon\*Con has added a Skeptics Track. Attending this track as a group may become an annual event. Get more information at [www.skepticktrack.org](http://www.skepticktrack.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What does “secular” mean?

Secular refers to the non-religious, or something separated from the religious. Our organization values skeptical inquiry into all areas of life, inquiry which does not consult dogma, rationalizations, or religion.

### 2. Are you an atheist organization?

We have had members who are atheist, Christian, Muslim, pagan, deist, Pastafarian. The beliefs of members at any given time are irrelevant to an organization that values a process of thinking, rather than the conclusions reached.

### 3. If I can't make it to the meetings can I still be part of the group?

Sure. Just contact us and we'll keep you updated on the other activities and events we're holding.

### 4. Will your group come to our religious bible study?

No, however, we would be excited out of our minds if you invited us to a discussion/debate.

### 5. Aren't meetings just a circle jerk?

Members agree on skepticism and scientific thinking, but certainly not on every issue in the ever-changing world. Discussions are quite lively and controversial at times.

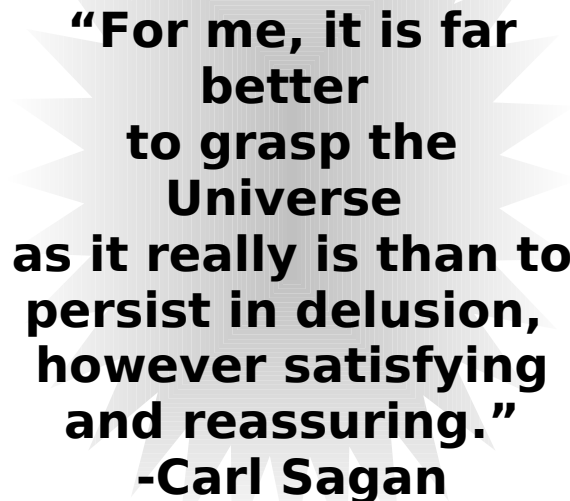
Have more questions? Want to keep updated on what the group is up to? We hope to hear from you soon!

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## Facebook

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<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=22008947057>



**“For me, it is far better to grasp the Universe as it really is than to persist in delusion, however satisfying and reassuring.”**  
**-Carl Sagan**