Student Discipline

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Student Discipline Process

- The student discipline process ensures that violations of the student code of conduct are addressed in a timely manner. It prescribes progressively severe type of disciplines while providing due process for the student.
Types of Disciplines

- Warning
- Reprimand
- Restitution
- Disciplinary Probation
- Removal by Instructor
- Immediate Suspension
- Suspension from the college, or
Types of Discipline, continued

- Suspension from a class, program, activity, service or location on campus
- Suspension subject to Reconsideration
- Suspension of Financial Aid
- Expulsion
What happens when a student violates the student code of conduct?

- Depending on the severity of the incident, any or all of the following occur:
  - Faculty resolve it
  - Faculty refers student to the college disciplinarian
  - Sheriffs intervene
What can Faculty do to assist with discipline matters?

- **Warn** the student to discontinue the behavior.
- **Reprimand** the student.
- **Suspend** the student for the class in session.
- Suspend the student for the class in session and the next class session.
What if the behavior warrants discipline beyond suspension for the two class sessions?

- If the student is a threat to the instructor or to the students in the class, contact the Sheriffs immediately.
- Discipline beyond suspension from two class sessions can only be imposed by the administrator who handles discipline for the college.
Suspension beyond 2 class sessions

- If the instructor thinks the suspension should be more than two class sessions, a written report of the action should be sent to the department chair and to the administrator that oversees the discipline.

- If it is agreed that further suspension is warranted, the recommendation is forwarded to the administrator handling discipline.
Who handles discipline for the college?

- Dr. Lawrence Jarmon
  Dean of Student Services
  ext. 4454

Or

- Betsy Regalado
  Vice President of Student Services
  ext. 4333
What does the disciplinarian do?

- He/she investigates the allegation: talks with the faculty, student, and any witnesses.
- If Sheriffs have been involved, he/she speaks with the Sheriffs and reviews the incident report, if one was completed.
- Upon request from an instructor, he/she will visit a class where a potential disruption is anticipated.
What does the disciplinarian do? Continued

- The disciplinarian provides the student with documentation regarding the violations and the level of discipline applied.
- Suspensions over ten days allow for students to request a hearing before a hearing panel.
- Due process provides for students to be heard and the issue to be resolved in a timely manner.
Sheriff’s Intervention

- If the behavior is a threat to the instructor, the students, or the violator, contact the Sheriffs immediately.
- If the Sheriffs are the first contact, they will:
  - Take the student to the disciplinarian, or
  - Give the student the disciplinarian’s business card and direct them to call before returning to campus.
- Complete a Campus Incident Report.
Where can I find information about student discipline?

- Student discipline procedures and the student code of conduct can be found in:
  - The schedule of classes
  - The college catalog
  - The student handbook
  - The Office of Student Services
Disciplinary Hearing

- Disciplinary Hearings are required for...
- Suspensions for more than 10 days or for Expulsions
- Hearings are conducted by the Disciplinary Hearing Committee. The committee is comprised of one administrator, one faculty member and one student.
Disciplinary Hearing Procedures

- The hearing shall be closed and confidential
- All witnesses shall be excluded except when testifying
- A campus deputy may be asked to be present during the hearing.
- The Hearing Officer shall be the Chief Student Services officer or designee, or the President’s designee.
- The Hearing officer may conduct the hearing in any manner deemed appropriate, provided that the accused is offered due process and given the opportunity to confront the witnesses testifying against him or her, and to offer the statements of any supporting witnesses.
Disciplinary Hearing Procedures Continued

- Both the Hearing Officer and the student shall be entitled to call witnesses and to question witnesses presented by the other party. A member of the committee may ask questions at any time.
- Either side may recall a witness, who again may be questioned by both parties and the committee.
- If the accused is a minor, he or she shall be entitled to be accompanied by his or her parent or guardian.
Disciplinary Hearing Procedures Continued

- If the student leaves the hearing before its conclusion, the hearing shall be terminated.
- The findings of fact shall recite what factual evidence, in the opinion of the committee, supported or failed to support each charge. The findings shall further show which if any, of the charges the committee believes were substantiated. The recommendation for action will be specific.
Closing Comment

- Regardless of whether or not the student chooses a hearing, the student has the right to appeal the final outcome to the college President.
Need more information?

- Visit the Office of Student Services at A13
- Obtain a Copy of Article XI Student Discipline Procedures