

Executive Summary of Student Code of Conduct Revisions May 6, 2019

Attached is a copy of the Student Code of Conduct which contains a number of recommended amendments to the current version. A review was undertaken in accordance with Article G.2. of the current Code and with relevant Board of Governors' Regulations. A committee was formed and appointed by Dr. Martin and Dr. Cordova in order to review the Code and make recommendations. Below is a summary of the changes made.

Overarching Changes:

- The code has been updated to address new and changed offices as a result of the Student Success and Enrollment Management reorganization. Student Affairs, Dean of Students' Office and Office of the Registrar have all been updated to appropriate current titles.
- Similarly, specific titles have been updated to reflect current titles in the organizational structure, most notably the Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management.
- Updates to language for increased consistency of word and term usage (most of the orange updates.)

Specific Changes of Note:

- A.2., A.3. & A.4. have each been updated to capitalize defined terms. In previous versions defined terms were not capitalized until after A.5., where the term was defined.
- Article A.4.d. – This section was previously contained in D.2. but has been moved, as it addresses the jurisdictional boundaries of the Code and Instructional Faculty, while D.2. is specific to adjudication of cases.
- A.5. – The definitions of VAWA-Covered violations (Dating/Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault/Harassment, & Stalking) have been removed from the Definition section, as they are repeated in Standards of Conduct, where they specifically prohibit the behaviors, instead of merely defining them.
- A.5.kk. – Witness was previously operationally defined in Article D.1. and D.2., D.3., and D.4. This definition unifies the meaning of the term.
- B.1. – Removed the subheading of Cheating as technology such as CourseHero, SpinBot, and TurnItIn have blurred the lines between in-class violations (Cheating) and other acts of academic dishonesty, to the point where the subheading was causing confusion for faculty and students.

- B.2.b.5. – Updated the definition of hazing to reflect State Law and BOG definitions.
- B.4.a.1. – Added pellet and BB guns as “air-soft” is no longer a common definitional term for simulated weapons that use air pressure to fire a projectile, and is now only regarded as a specific brand of such weapon.
- B.4.b.2.,.3., & .4. – Added specific examples of each violation type which are most commonly seen violated in University Housing and academic buildings.
- B.2.c. – Updated language to address Florida Legalization and to address increasing activity by students to create THC containing derivative items such as edibles, waxes, and oils.
- B.5.c. & E.6. – Added a standard and sanction to address a gap in current policy addressing students who are found to have provided false information on an application after they have enrolled and begun coursework.
- D.1.b. – Closed a policy gap to allow for adjudication of violations after the 6 month Timeliness of Reporting for good cause, such as in situations where the Respondent is not yet identified.
- D.1.g.2. – Update to notice requirements for students using an Attorney as an advisor to allow time to coordinate a University Attorney be present.
- D.2. – Updates to the language in Academic Integrity violations to more clearly explain the process for students and faculty in informal resolutions and notice requirements.
- D.3.b.6. & D.4.b.7. – Update to prevent the use of excessive records requests in delaying the hearing process.
- D.3.d.2.f & h. – Removes duplicate appeal rights statement.
- Article E.1. – Update sanctions to clarify that the SCC process may only recommend grade sanctions.
- F.6.b. – Update to appeal outcome to ensure that students are aware that an appeal cannot increase the severity of a sanction, except as allowed in a new hearing.

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