

Student Conduct Overview for 2018-2019 Academic Year

The Student Conduct Officer is responsible for directing and coordinating matters involving student discipline, maintaining student conduct files, conducting fact-finding conferences with all accused students, and otherwise coordinating activities under the Student Code of Conduct (Board Statutes 2.31.02). The overview that follows reflects student conduct data for the 2018-2019 Academic Year (August 28, 2018 to May 1, 2019), relative to prior academic years.

During the 2018-2019 Academic Year, sixty students were referred to the Dean of Students Office for alleged non-academic misconduct. Forty-five students were found responsible for Student Code of Conduct violations. The referrals decreased and were most pronounced in the following prohibited misconducts:

*4.3 Physical abuse of another person, or conduct which threatens or endangers another, or verbal or physical threats which cause reasonable apprehension of harm (twenty-two referrals in 2017-2018 to zero referrals in 2018-2019).

*4.6 Disorderly behavior that interferes with activities authorized, sponsored, or permitted by the University such as teaching, research, administration, and including disorderly behavior that interferes with the freedom of expression of others (fifteen referrals in 2017-2018 to three referrals in 2018-2019).

*4.15 Failure to comply with the direction of any authorized institutional representative, acting in the performance of his/her duties (sixteen referrals in 2017-2018 to one referral in 2018-2019).

The Dean of Students Office has seen an increase in academic misconduct reporting by faculty as they are utilizing the online academic misconduct reporting form via Maxient. One hundred twenty-three students were reported for academic misconduct. Six students were found responsible and had their case referred to the academic Dean of their College for adjudication. And, one hundred seventeen students had their grade adjusted downward for academic misconduct.

2018-2019 Comments

The hypothesis for these decreases in non-academic misconduct cases lies in the observation that the campus community is more aware of the CARE reporting process and the online CARE reporting form. The Dean of Students Office has received an increase of online CARE report submissions regarding disruptive, distressed, or unusual student behavior (234 reports in 2017-2018 to 294 in 2018-2019). The CARE report is a tool for the campus community to report issues of concern about students using the online CARE reporting form via Maxient. The CARE report is not intended to initiate a conduct process, but helps to address concerning behavior.

We have continued to train students, faculty, and staff on the rights and responsibilities students have within the Student Code of Conduct and the online reporting process. The Dean of Students Office also provides support to faculty in administering the academic misconduct process to ensure compliance with the Student Code of Conduct. As a result, we have seen an increase in academic misconduct reporting by faculty.

This past year (2018-2019), the Dean of Students Office continued the usage of the Maxient student conduct software and made improvements to the online reporting forms used by six offices on campus. Three offices on campus started using Maxient this past fall semester (Fall 2019) The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO), Office of the Provost, and School of Social Work while the Office of Housing and Residential Life, the Title IX office, and the Dean of Students Office continue to utilize the system. More offices will be added in the future. As reported previously, Maxient provides many efficiencies, including instantaneous data reports.

**Summary of Violations of the Student Code of Conduct (SCC)
Academic Year 2018-2019**

Prohibited Conduct	Number of Students Found Responsible
4.1 Academic Misconduct	6
4.2 Knowingly Providing False Information	0
4.3 Abusive Behavior	0
4.4 Weapons	3
4.5 Initiating threat, false warning	0
4.6 Disruptive/Disorderly Behavior	3
4.7 Disciplinary Sanction Violation	2
4.8 Drugs	3
4.9 Theft or Damage to Property	0
4.10 Knowingly possessing stolen property.	0
4.11 Violation of Local, State, and/or Federal Laws	5
4.12 Misuse of Institutional Facilities/Systems	2
4.13 Furnishing False Information	3
4.14 Obstruction/Disruption of University Activities	0
4.15 Failure to Comply	1
4.16 Maliciously initiating charges... baseless	0
4.17 Misuse of Technology Resources	1
4.18 Any form of sexual misconduct.	0
4.19 (a) University statutes prohibiting discrimination and sexual harassment	0
4.19 (b) Unauthorized Entry or Use of Facilities	7
4.19 (c) Alcohol	0
4.19 (d) Unauthorized use of vehicles and electronic equipment	0
4.19 (f) Misuse of Identification	1
4.19 (g) Housing & Residential Life Policy Violation	4
4.19 Failure to comply with published University regulations or policies	2
4.19 University Policy Violation	1
4.20 Abuse of Student Code of Conduct system	0
Total	45

Overview of Misconduct Reported to the Dean of Students Office

Non-academic Misconduct Cases Reported		60
Students Found Responsible for Student Code of Conduct Violations		39
Academic Misconduct Cases Reported		123
Notifications of Grade Adjusted Downward (SCC, Section 10.1A)		117
Students Found Responsible for Student Code of Conduct Violations (SCC, Section 10.1B)		6