

## **Student Conduct Overview for 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 Academic Year (August 28, 2019 to April 24, 2020), relative to prior academic years.

During the 2019-2020 Academic Year, eighty-six students were referred to the Dean of Students Office for alleged non-academic and academic misconduct. Sixty-one students were found responsible for Student Code of Conduct violations. The non-academic misconduct referrals 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 (zero referrals in 2018-2019 to seven referrals in 2019-2020).

\*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 (three referrals in 2018-2019 to five referrals in 2019-2020).

\*4.19 Failure to comply with the direction of any authorized institutional representative, acting in the performance of his/her duties (one referral in 2018-2019 to two referrals in 2019-2020).

The Dean of Students Office continues to see an increase in academic misconduct reporting by faculty as they are utilizing the online academic misconduct reporting form via Maxient. 123 students were reported for academic misconduct in 2018-2019 and 310 in 2019-2020. When a faculty member is persuaded that academic misconduct has occurred, the faculty member may adjust the grade downward (including downgrading to a failing grade) without filing an academic misconduct charge (SCC, Section 10.1A). 310 students received grade downgrades and these referrals are kept on file in the Dean of Students Office, but are not reflected on students' disciplinary records.

Correspondingly, if faculty perceive that the academic misconduct warrants further discipline, they may file academic misconduct charges. (SCC, Section 10.1B) Further discipline may include transcript notation, academic probation, academic suspension, etc. 40 students were charged with academic misconduct and found responsible. These cases are referred to the academic Dean of their College for adjudication and are reflected on the student's disciplinary record.

The increase in academic misconduct cases is mostly attributed to the immediate shift to all online classes due to COVID-19. Consequently, during the spring and summer, the Dean of Students Office worked with the schools and colleges to assist faculty and educate students about academic integrity expectations at Wayne State University in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### **2019-2020 Comments**

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 continued to see an increase in academic misconduct reporting by faculty. This past year (2019-2020), the Dean of Students Office continued the usage of the Maxient student conduct software and made improvements to the online reporting forms used by more offices on campus.

**Summary of Violations of the Student Code of Conduct (SCC)  
Academic Year 2019-2020**

<b>Prohibited Conduct</b>	<b>Number of Students Found Responsible</b>
4.1 Academic Misconduct	40
4.2 Knowingly Providing False Information	1
4.3 Abusive Behavior	7
4.4 Weapons	0
4.5 Initiating threat, false warning	0
4.6 Disruptive/Disorderly Behavior	5
4.7 Disciplinary Sanction Violation	0
4.8 Drugs	1
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	0
4.12 Misuse of Institutional Facilities/Systems	0
4.13 Furnishing False Information	1
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	0
4.18 Any form of sexual misconduct.	0
4.19 University Policy Violation	2
4.19 (a) University statutes prohibiting discrimination and sexual harassment	0
4.19 (b) Unauthorized Entry or Use of Facilities	1
4.19 (c) Alcohol	0
4.19 (d) Unauthorized use of vehicles and electronic equipment	0
4.19 (f) Misuse of Identification	0
4.19 (g) Housing & Residential Life Policy Violation	0
4.20 Abuse of Student Code of Conduct system	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

**Overview of Misconduct Reported to the Dean of Students Office**

<b>Non-academic Misconduct Cases Reported</b>	<b>46</b>
Students Found Responsible	<b>21</b>
<b>Academic Misconduct Cases Reported</b>	<b>40</b>
Notifications of Grade Adjusted Downward (SCC, Section 10.1A)	<b>310</b>
Students Found Responsible for Student Code of Conduct Violations (SCC, Section 10.1B)	<b>40</b>