Student Conduct and Community Standards

The Office of Student Affairs is responsible for the investigation and adjudication of all non-academic violations of the Student Standard of Conduct. When students demonstrate concerning behavior, Student Affairs is available for consultation, intervention (formal or informal), and resource referrals. In order to ensure that student misconduct is appropriately addressed, faculty are strongly encouraged to notify Student Affairs when they experience concerns with a student's behavior.

In July 2012, the Board of Curators amended the Student Standard of Conduct by adding five new provisions: non-consensual sexual behavior, stalking, harassment, invasion of privacy, and participation in attempted or actual theft. Furthermore, the student conduct procedures were also amended due to new Title IX guidance issued by the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights Faculty. This said, complainants in cases of non-consensual sexual misconduct are now afforded the same rights as the accused student (e.g., right to attend student conduct hearing, right to have an advisor present, right to present evidence, and right to appeal the findings of the Student Conduct Committee, etc.).

Non-Academic Student Misconduct Report

During the 2012/2013 academic year, the Office of Student Affairs formally investigated 48 cases of student misconduct. Details of those cases are documented below:

Demographics of offenders
- 44 cases involved undergraduate students
- 4 cases involved graduate students

Type of offenses
- Destruction of property
- Non-consensual sexual behavior
- Furnishing false information to the University
- Manufacture, use, sale, or possession of a controlled substance
- Physical abuse or other conduct which threatens or endangers
- Violation of University policies
- Harassment
- Hazing
- Attempted or actual theft
- Misuse of computing resources
- Disruptive or disorderly conduct

Sanctions issued
In 39 cases, there was sufficient evidence to charge the student. While 36 student offenders received a combination of active and passive sanctions (e.g., University probation and community service), three students were separated from the University due to their misconduct.