Overview

Student Conduct & Community Standards, in 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, representatives from Student Conduct & Community Standards are 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 Conduct & Community Standards when they experience concerns with a student’s behavior.

Policy Changes

On September 22, 2014, President Wolfe amended the Student Standard of Conduct (Collected Rules and Regulations 200.010) via an executive order. The updated policy expands the Title IX-related provisions which were originally added in July 2012. As a result of these changes, the university is now fully compliant with the Title IX guidance issued by the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights.

Staff Changes

As a result of the mandated reporting policy for Title IX-related offenses, which was adopted in September 2014, Student Conduct & Community Standards has seen a substantial increase in the number of offenses reported to the university. In order to ensure that Student Conduct & Community Standards remains expeditious in its handling of concerns involving students, Coledia Poole was promoted to a Student Conduct Coordinator/Title IX investigator. Within her new position, Ms. Poole assists Dr. D’Andre Braddix, Assistant Dean of Students, in investigating student conduct concerns and identifying resolutions as appropriate.

Non-Academic Student Misconduct Report

During the 2014/2015 academic year, Student Conduct & Community Standards formally investigated 43 incidents of alleged student misconduct. Details of those cases are documented below:

Demographics of Offenders

- 40 incidents involved undergraduate students
- 3 incidents 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
• Stalking
• Attempted or actual theft
• Misuse of computing resources
• Disruptive or disorderly conduct

Sanctions Issued

In 34 cases, there was sufficient evidence to charge the student. Of those charged, 29 student offenders received a multi-dimensional behavioral interventions (i.e., a combination of active and passive sanctions, and five students were separated from the university due to their misconduct.

Informal Behavioral Interventions

In addition to the 43 incidents formally investigated by Student Conduct & Community Standards, approximately 25 incidents of concerning student behavior were informally referred throughout the 2014/2015 academic year. These cases typically involved minor concerns (e.g., sleeping in class, rude behavior, etc.) which did not warrant formal adjudication. Similar to the conduct process, students were advised of university standards and expectations in hopes of mitigating future concerns.

Title IX-related Cases

During the 2014/2015 academic year, Student Conduct & Community Standards assisted in the investigation of 34 Title IX related referrals. Details of the disposition of these referrals are listed below:

• 18 complainants were provided various relief, resources and assistance.
• 9 referrals were closed due to the complainant not wanting to pursue.
• 7 referrals were investigated and closed with no findings of any title IX violations.