Overview

Student Conduct & Community Standards – in the Division 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 (314-516-5211) when they experience concerns with a student’s behavior.

Policy Changes

On February 2, 2017, the UM Board of Curators amended the Student Standard of Conduct (Collected Rules and Regulations 200.010) and Rules of Procedures in Student Conduct Matters (Collected Rules and Regulations 200.020). The updated policy and procedures establish new pre-hearing procedures related to the presentation of documentary evidence and witnesses during student conduct hearings.

Non-Academic Student Misconduct Report

During the 2016/2017 academic year, Student Conduct & Community Standards formally investigated 142 alleged violations of the Student Standard of Conduct involving 105 students. Details of those cases are documented below:

Demographics of Offenders

- 98 undergraduate students
- 4 graduate students
- 3 recognized student organizations

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
- Attempted or actual theft
- Misuse of computing resources
- Disruptive or disorderly conduct
Sanctions Issued

Disciplinary sanctions were issued to 85 (or 81%) of the students referred to Student Conduct & Community Standards. Details of those sanctions are documented below:

- University Suspension
- University Probation
- Written Warning
- Verbal Warning
- Etoke (for marijuana offenses)
- BASICS (for alcohol offenses)
- No Contact Order
- Involuntary academic withdrawal
- Discretionary sanctions (e.g., reflection paper, counseling, community service)
- No trespass orders

Informal Behavioral Interventions

In addition to the incidents formally investigated by Student Conduct & Community Standards, approximately 18 students were informally referred throughout the 2016/2017 academic year. These cases typically involved minor concerns (e.g., sleeping in class, combative 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.

Care & Concern Interventions

Student Conduct & Community Standards – in collaboration with Counseling Services – provided “care and concern” interventions to 21 UMSL students who were experiencing emotional and psychological crisis. These interventions were non-punitive, and were intended to provide a safe space for students to speak candidly about their mental health concerns. The ultimate objective of the intervention is to connect students with appropriate support and assistance in hopes of mitigating future concerns.

Title IX/Equity Complaints

Student Conduct & Community Standards also investigated 26 equity-based complaints filed by students. The complaints pertained to perceive mistreatment on the basis of a protected category (e.g., race, gender, gender expression, gender identity, veteran status, religion, etc.).

Faculty/Staff Consultations

Student Conduct & Community Standards also provided 32 faculty/staff consultations. These consultations involved advice and counsel relative to classroom management strategies, policy interpretations, liability reduction and conflict resolution.