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Academic Misconduct

* Across the spectrum: Undergraduate – Graduate
* Student Engagement & Success facilitates the process. We maintain the database of cases.
* Centralized reporting allows for tracking of multiple instances for the same person.
* The Academic Integrity Hearing Panel reviews the case and determines the outcome.
* Sanctions range from getting a zero on the assignment, up to & including possible removal from the institution.
Behavioral Misconduct

- Last year number of cases showed a slight decline but the number of “charges” per case increased.
- Most common offenses:
  - Endangerment
  - Drugs
  - Breach of Peace
  - On Campus Housing Violations
  - Alcohol
Behavioral Misconduct

Overview of process:
Receive report/JA gathers additional information
Student notified of “charges”
Scheduled for an Informal Resolution Meeting w/Hearing Officer
Students decides if they want to accept the outcome of the IRM or if they wish to continue the case to the Student Conduct Board

Sanctions:
Reflective paper, community service, on line courses, probation, possible suspension (1 - 2 yrs.) or expulsion.
Suspensions & expulsions noted on their transcript
Most records are maintained for 7 years after the student's last enrollment date, some records are eligible for expulsion after 5 yrs.
Outline expectations, address behavior from the beginning, document

Disruptive to class, ask them to leave that class period and to meet with you later. Rigorous review of situation (by JA) before a student can be removed permanently from class.

Timely reporting is critical – use online reporting system
Be very descriptive of incident – explain behavior and why it is disruptive & inappropriate, etc. JA needs a clear picture of what happened.
* Goal is to intervene & get student back on track, back in the classroom.
* FERPA allows for open communication between faculty & our office (based on business need to know)
* Three years ago: 71 cases, 96 last year
* Most common reports:
  * Depression/mental health issues
  * Family tragedy
  * Self harm (eating disorder, cutting, suicide ideation)
Team consists of representatives from SEAS, Judicial Affairs, UCC, Disability Services, Housing, UPD and a faculty member.

When a report is made additional information is gathered, the team assembles and based on information immediately available, determines a course of action. This may change as the situation evolves.

Anonymous/2nd hand reports - difficult to take action – need first hand accounts from those involved in the situation.

Possible actions include: 3rd party intervention, meeting with Case Manager, referrals to services on/off campus, involvement of family/off campus providers, etc.
ICARE

* Changes to the American with Disabilities Act in 2008 have dictated how we can react to a situation. Prior to 2008, if a student was displaying self-harming, threatening behavior, we could remove them from campus.

* With these changes, we can no longer force a student from campus for this type of behavior, even though we think that would be in the best interest of all parties.

* We can remove for direct threat. It must meet very rigorous standards. We consult with UPD, District Attorney’s Office and TAMUS System Counsel. The decision is out of our hands (SEAS) at this point.
Reminders

* Call UPD (x4444) at once for any concerns regarding immediate safety of self or others
* Clearly document and report incidents in a timely manner
* In most circumstances students will be owed due process - we usually cannot remove a student for more than one class meeting without cause and process.
* If unsure on what to do, consult with your dept. chair, Student Engagement & Success.

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