

Chancellor's Standing Committees
Student Conduct Committee
Annual Report 2014-2015
Submitted by the Committee Chair

The charge to the Student Conduct Committee is to decide cases in accordance with the University of Missouri Standards of Conduct and Rules of Procedures in student disciplinary matters and to report those recommendations to the Provost or to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Members of the Student Discipline Panel serve only at the advanced written request of a student charged, and shall have the same rights as other members of the committee or hearing panel, including the right to vote.

Membership is confidential; however the following is the composition of membership:

- 16 faculty (3-year terms)
- 4 faculty alternates (3-year terms)
- 1 faculty alternate to the alternates (3-year terms)
- 6 MSA discipline panel (1-year term)
- 4 GPC discipline panel (1-year term)
- 1 ex officio
- Support

The Student Conduct Committee heard 26 cases this year. Additional cases are pending. Seven cases were referred by The Office of Student Conduct, seventeen were referred by the Department of Residential Life, and two were direct referrals from suspensions by the Chancellor's Office. The cases included DWI, assault, failure to comply with a University official, violation of the University alcohol policies, damage to University property, distribution of a controlled substance, tampering with a fire alarm, impermissible entry to both residence halls and recreations facilities, and violation of drug policy. The sanctions ranged from counseling, to writing a reflection paper, financial obligation, community service, suspension or expulsion from either the residence halls, the University, or both.

Hearings usually take Committee members about an hour to read and consider the case documentation (depending on length), and 2.5-3 hours on average for the hearing itself (although this varies from about 2 hours up to 9 hours). The Chair then spends about an hour drafting and editing the decision letter, having it reviewed, revising it, and having it sent out.

This year, the Chair has also been in contact with the Office of General Counsel regarding procedural matters and policy changes and in discussions of specific cases or situations with the with the Vice Chancellor over Student Affairs. Discussions have also occurred with the Office of Student Conduct regarding (i) potential policy changes, (ii) policy interpretation, and (iii) improvements to campus or conduct practices that can reduce student violation occurrences and protect the University community from the consequences (or potential consequences) of such violations.