

Chancellor's Committee on Student Conduct
Annual Report 2016-2017

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To: Interim Chancellor Garnett Stokes

Attention: Michelle Marsden

The charge to the Chancellor's Committee on 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 Chancellor 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)
- 5 Staff
- 6 MSA discipline panel (1-year term)
- 4 GPC discipline panel (1-year term)
- 1 ex officio
- 2 Support

The Student Conduct Committee heard 15 cases this year. Additional cases are pending and will be heard throughout the summer months. Seven cases were referred by The Office of Student Conduct and eight referred by the Department of Residential Life. The cases included a wide variety of violations of the Student Code of Conduct. In most cases, the committee upheld the decisions made by the Office of Student Conduct and Residential Life. For a couple of cases, it was determined that no violation of the Student Code of Conduct had occurred and thus sanctions were unnecessary. In all of the hearings, the committee acted with a high level of integrity, fairness and stayed true to procedures and protocols. Students and their advisors were treated with respect and allowed to present facts, question witnesses and the University representatives. The committee and Chair kept the hearings focused on the issues at hand and kept ancillary discussions to a minimum. To this, hearings routinely lasted between 1.5 – 2.5 hours. Some hearings were outside this range based on the evidence heard. This, in addition to preparation reviewing documents prior to the hearing and the Chair's composition of the decision letter, diminished the overall time commitment of the committee and Chair. Sanctions were, depending on the violation, both education and punitive. Throughout the year, the Chair was in contact with the Office of General Counsel and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs for guidance and to clarify procedure when necessary. Discussions also occurred with the Office of Student Conduct and representatives from Residential Life regarding potential policy alterations and improvements to campus or conduct practices that can reduce student violation occurrences and protect the University community from the consequences of such violations.

Respectively Submitted:

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