STUDENT CONDUCT AT UC SAN DIEGO

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AGENDA

- The Office of Student Conduct
- The Student Conduct Code
- Violations, Sanctions, and Records
- Questions and Answers

OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT
The Office of Student Conduct provides leadership for the student conduct process through its central coordinating, training, and advising role. Our roles and services include:

- Receive and process student conduct complaints while offering consulting and advising to faculty and staff regarding potential (and/or actual) student conduct cases and incidents.
- Meet with students to resolve student conduct incidents and to answer their questions about the student conduct process.
- Train and educate staff, faculty, and students about the student conduct process and student rights and responsibilities.
- Administer a thorough, transparent, and fair student conduct process that encourages participation by the campus community while holding students accountable for their actions.

Office of Student Conduct

Office Staff
- Ben White, Director of Student Conduct
- Natania Trapp, Administrative Coordinator
- Kristin Galligan, Graduate Assistant

Location
- Student Services Center, Suite 510 (facing the Chancellor’s complex)

Affiliation
- Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs Office. We report directly to Vice Chancellor Penny Rue.

THE STUDENT CONDUCT CODE
The UC San Diego Student Conduct Code sets forth the applicable standards of our community and authorizes the administration of student conduct at UC San Diego.

The Code applies to:
- The non-academic student conduct of UC San Diego Students and registered Student Organizations that occurs on University Grounds and Facilities and/or at University-Supported Activities;
- To off-campus conduct that adversely affects the UC San Diego Community and/or the pursuit of the University’s objectives as determined by the Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs; and
- A Student’s conduct even if the Student withdraws from the University while a student conduct matter is pending.

The Policy on Integrity of Scholarship governs all instances of academic misconduct.

However, the Code applies to non-academic student conduct (e.g., falsifying documents, furnishing false information) discovered as part of an academic misconduct incident.

Reports of alleged violations involving sex offenses, including sexual assault and sexual misconduct, will be handled under the policies and procedures set forth in the UC San Diego Student Sex Offenses Policy.

“Well, as of this moment, they’re on double secret probation!” – Dean Wormer
HANDLING POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS

Section VII of the Student Conduct Code describes Conduct in Violation of Community Standards. The following examples, including attempts to engage in or aid in such conduct, violate the University's community standards and may be subject to action under the processes outlined in the Code:

- Failure to comply with the directions of University officials
- Non-academic dishonesty (e.g. furnishing false information)
- Forging, alteration, or misuse of University documents, vehicles, etc.
- Disrupting teaching, research, administration, or other University-Supported Activities
- Harassment, stalking, and unwanted personal contact
- Theft/vandalism of University property or the property of others

HANDLING POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS

- Be clear and up front with the student. If you ask them to do something and they don’t do it, that is a violation of the Code.
- Handle the situation as it occurs. Waiting to address a student and/or situation later on may lessen the ability to resolve the situation in a timely manner.
- If there is a potential threat, contact the Police Department immediately. We also highly suggest consulting with the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team.
- Make sure to thoroughly detail what you saw and experienced. Be objective and describe the specific behaviors which may have violated the Code.
- Call the Office of Student Conduct to discuss the situation and possible methods for handling the situation.

UCSD STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESS for Individual students

The Office of Student Conduct (OSC) receives an incident report involving UCSD Student(s) and determines whether there is reasonable cause to believe the Student Conduct Code was violated. If OSC finds reasonable cause, the report is forwarded to the Student’s Dean or his/her designee for resolution.

The Dean or designee typically assigns a Student Conduct Officer (SCO) to resolve the alleged violation(s) with the Student through an Administrative Resolution meeting. The Dean or designee may also choose to resolve the alleged violation(s) through an alternative process such as a Notice of Inappropriate Conduct, restorative justice, or mediation.

If the Student accepts responsibility for the alleged violation(s), the SCO will impose sanctions. The Student may complete the sanction(s) or submit an appeal.

If the Student does not accept responsibility for any allegation, he/she has the right to a Student Conduct Review with a Conduct Board or a Review Officer.

Student is found not responsible. All alleged violations are dismissed with no further consequence to the Student.

Decision on Appeal

Student reviewed with the Council of Provosts. The decision may be appealed to the Council of Provosts or through the legal system.
SANCTIONS
“DOUBLE SECRET PROBATION”

- When a Respondent accepts responsibility or is found responsible for violating the Code, one or more of the following sanctions may be imposed:
  - Formal Warning
  - Probation
  - Loss of Privileges and Exclusion from Activities
  - Suspension
  - Dismissal
  - Exclusion from Areas or from University Supported Activities
  - Restitution
  - Revocation of Awarding of Degree
  - Other sanctions (e.g. stay away orders, apology letters, holds)
  - Educational sanctions (e.g. education programs, reflection papers)

STUDENT CONDUCT RECORDS

- A Respondent’s student conduct record will generally contain the applicable incident report(s) and/or police report(s), meeting and decision letters, and other documents related to student conduct incidents the Respondent has been involved in while a UC San Diego Student or while registered as a Student Organization.
- Student conduct records of all Respondents will be retained for seven years from the date of the incident to comply with Clery Act requirements.
- The record of a student conduct matter resulting in a Student or Student Organization’s suspension or dismissal will be retained permanently.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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