



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE

Proposed Student Code of Conduct

Major Changes from Current Code

- More educational philosophy
- Consolidation of boards
- Board composition to include students, faculty, and staff (except in sexual misconduct and research misconduct)
- Addition of records retention language – only a sanction of suspension or greater is reported outside of University post-graduation
- Elimination of indefinite suspension as a sanction
- Addition of educational sanctions
- Educational Conference added – Student Conduct no longer makes a decision prior to meeting with an accused student
- Addition of the Good Samaritan/Amnesty Policy
- Additional hearing option – Student Life Hearing Officer
- Addition of Alternative Resolution (i.e. mediation) process
- More thorough explanation of student conduct process

Major Edits to Proposed Code (following BOT meeting in October 2015)

- Student organization responsibility edits/clarification (Section 2.4, Page 5)
- Specific reference to the University's Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation in the Standards of Conduct (Section 4.7, Page 7)
- Removal of definitions related to the University's Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation to avoid confusion and shorten the length of the Proposed Code of Conduct
- Addition of weapons language to address any state or federal laws that may be passed (Section 4.17, Page 8)
- Addition of alcohol language to address any policy change that may occur (Section 4.18, Page 8)
- Moved retaliation definition to the Standards of Conduct to provide clarification (Section 4.30, Page 9)
- Addition of student notification of the right to have an advisor (Section 5.3.3, Page 11)
- Edits to "Interim Administrative Actions" and addition of interim restriction(s) language (Section 6.4, Page 12)
- Board composition exceptions for sexual misconduct and research misconduct (Section 8.2.2, Page 19)
- Addition of "personal prejudice or bias of SCB member" as a ground for appeal (8.6.3, Page 24)
 - In response to written comments from Rulemaking Hearing
- Addition of research misconduct information (Section 10.10, Page 30)
- Consolidation of section 7.2.2 and original 7.2.3 for consistency