Student Code of Conduct

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SESSION:
INTRODUCTION

Overview

• What is the Code of Conduct?
• Scope and Purpose
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What is the Code of Conduct

• Foundational document within the student experience
• Values-oriented
• Code of conduct outlines:
  • Minimum expectations for students inside and outside the classroom
  • Procedures followed when a violation may have occurred
  • Range of outcomes that can happen if a student is responsible for a violation.

Scope and Purpose of Review

Purpose
• Clarity
• Consistency
• Support student safety
• Align code with best practices
• Long-term goal of creating a comprehensive student handbook

Scope
• Undergraduate Code of Conduct
  • Introduction
  • Expectations
  • Sanctions
  • Procedures
• Policies outside scope
  • Honor code
  • Appeals
  • Medical amnesty
  • Alcohol policy
Process Review

Initial Draft
- Model codes
- Institutional comparison

Committee
- Broad-based review group
- Refined code

Legal Review
- Expertise from within and outside WFU
- Model code

Overview of Changes - Introduction

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Overview of Changes – Description of Policies

- Code of Conduct
- Honor Code
- Student Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Guide to Community Living
- Other policies (e.g., Ethical Computing)

Overview of Changes – Policy Oversight

- Honor Code
  - Dean of the College
- Code of Conduct
  - Dean of Students
- Student Sexual Misconduct
  - Title IX
Overview of Changes - Jurisdiction

- Largely unchanged
- Establishes scope of Wake Forest’s interest in student behavior
- Code of Conduct applies to Wake Forest students while off-campus or studying abroad

Overview of Changes - Definitions

- New section
- Establishes common definitions for terms used throughout the Code:
  - University
  - Student
  - Faculty
  - University official
  - Business day
  - Judicial Council
  - Honor and Ethics Council
  - Hearing officer
  - Hearing panel
  - Investigator
  - Preponderance of evidence
  - Organization
  - Board of Investigators and Advisors
  - Office of the Dean of Students
  - University premises
**Community Feedback**

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1. What objective is this policy/procedure trying to meet? How does it fail to do so?
2. Can you suggest an alternative to the language proposed?
3. How would the alternative language meet the same objective or be more effective?

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