Overview

- What is the Code of Conduct?
- Scope and Purpose
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- Overview of Changes
- Community Feedback
- Q & A
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 and University mission
- Align code with best practices
- Comprehensive student handbook (long-term)

**Scope**
- **Undergraduate Code of Conduct**
  - Introduction
  - Expectations
  - Sanctions
  - Procedures
- **Policies outside scope**
  - Honor code
  - Appeals
  - Medical amnesty
  - Alcohol policy
What should we minimally expect of undergraduate students?

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
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Disorderly conduct - examples

• Intoxicated student screams profanity while running up and down a residence hall hallway at 2 a.m.

• In the Polo Hall elevator, a group of students jump up in unison, causing the elevator to stall into an emergency mode.

• What behavior are we seeking to describe with this policy, and does our language do so precisely?
Modified Policies – Disruption

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Interrupting a group from meeting

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Expression Policy/Statement

- Aspirational statement affirming open exchange of ideas

Protest guidelines

- Offers practical recommendations for students for protests and responses to current events

Code of Conduct

- Expresses minimum expectations for undergraduate students

What would you like to be able to do without fear of penalty that you believe is prohibited by the language?
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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