Student Code of Conduct

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SESSION: STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Overview

• What is the Code of Conduct?
• Scope and Purpose
• Process Review
• 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
- 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
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
Unchanged Policies

- Honor Code
- Computing
- Contempt of the Conduct Process
- Copyright Violations
- Failure to Comply
- Fire Safety

- Unauthorized Access
- Unregistered Party
- Discrimination
- Violation of a Policy by a Guest
- Weapons
Removed Policies

• Gambling
• General Resident Student Policy
• Library Policies
• Misuse of Online Resources

New Policies

• Complicity
• Abuse of the Conduct Process
• Other University Policies
• Violations of Law
• Lack of Organizational Oversight
Modified Policies

- Bullying
- Threatening Behavior
- Destruction of Property
- Disorderly Conduct
- Disruption
- Hazing
- Hazardous Activity
- Harm to Others
- Harassment

Other Revisions

Sanction Framework
- Removed fines and community service
- Removed presumptive sanctions
- Emphasis on education and behavior change

Procedures
- Extensive description of the procedures followed
- Dean of Students Playbook
- Ensures fundamental fairness
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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