

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I: PREAMBLE

Mount St. _____ its mission and to Catholic liberal arts and professional education. As a community, we value both the traditions and foundations on which we find our intellectual heritage, and we seek to contribute to the ongoing development of these traditions.

The University is dedicated not only to learning and the advancement of knowledge, but also to the whole development of persons within the Catholic tradition. The University seeks to achieve these goals through a sound educational program that includes clear policies governing student rights and responsibilities.

ARTICLE II: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Responsibility for good conduct rests with students as adult individuals. Student organizations have similar responsibility for maintaining good conduct among their members and guests and at activities they sponsor. All members of the campus community are expected to use reasonable judgment in their daily campus life and to show due concern for the welfare and rights of others.
- B. The *Vice President* is vested with the responsibility for the **Code of Student Conduct**. This responsibility includes formulating and implementing operating procedures for the consideration of conduct violations and the imposition of sanctions in an efficient, consistent, fair, legal and educational manner. The *Vice President* delegates the daily operation of the **Code of Student Conduct** to the **Dean of Students** or appropriate designee hereto in referred to as *Dean of Students/designee*.
- C. The *Vice President* of Mount St. _____ is authorized to assign disciplinary cases to special conference committees or officers as that are deemed _____ appropriate.
- D. The **Dean of Students/designee** may determine the appropriateness of cases to be adjudicated either through the student conduct system or through appropriate alternatives.
- E. The *Vice President* and the **Dean of Students/designee** are vested with the authority to adjudicate all violations of the Code of Student Conduct. If it is determined that circumstances warrant different procedures, the Vice President and/or _____ **Dean of Students/designee** may follow procedures other than those outlined below. In all cases, due process shall be afforded to any student accused of misconduct.

Offensive expression on matters including but not limited to race, ethnicity, religion,

to abide by these regulations. These regulations are not designed to define prohibitive conduct in exhaustive terms. Additional rules and regulations may be adopted and will be communicated through campus email and web sources. A student or student organization that is responsible for misconduct or is responsible of being an accessory to misconduct shall be subject to sanctions authorized by this code. Areas of misconduct include:

1. Acts of Dishonesty or Falsifying University Records

It is the expectation of the University that students are honest, cooperative and

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dignity due to all persons and will be dealt with severely. This rule prohibits but is not limited to the following:

- a.) verbal;
- b.) written messages (e.g. graffiti, letter, bulletin posting);
- c.) email, voicemail, phone call, text message, instant message, social networking site posting or message, blog, or any other internet technology including violation of the University Electronic Communication Acceptable Use Policy;

11. Hazing

Abusive affiliation/initiation practices that endanger, intimidate, degrade, or have the capacity to endanger the emotional or physical well being of a person or group (including athletic teams), regardless of consent.

The rule prohibits, but is not limited to, the following:

- a.) theft of personal, public or University property
- b.) coerced or forced consumption of alcohol or drugs
- c.) acts of a physical or psychological nature that may endanger a person or group

12. Illegal Drugs and Controlled Substances

Mount St. Mary's University strictly forbids the possession, use, transfer and/or sales of illegal drugs whether on or off campus. The University does not provide sanctuary from the law, nor are students immune from legal investigation or arrest from police officials resulting from the provisions below. Mount St. Mary's University cannot and will not protect students, faculty, or staff from prosecution under federal, state, or local laws. Persons suspected of using illegal drugs or voluntarily being in the presence of their use may be subject to conduct action by the University.

This rule prohibits, but is not limited to, the following:

- a.) Possession, use, or sale of drug paraphernalia (e.g. hookahs, rolling papers, bowls, pipes, bong, vaporizers, handmade devices);
- b.) Possession, use, distribution, sale, intent to sell or purchase, manufacture, or transfer of illegal, synthetic or un-prescribed narcotics, illegal drugs, hallucinogens, and counterfeit or otherwise dangerous substances as determined by University officials (e.g. Salvia, Ketamine, Spice/K2);
- c.) Possession, use, sale, intention to sell or purchase, or distribution of legal drugs which were not prescribed to the person in possession;
- d.) Misuse of prescribed drugs and/or over the counter drugs
- e.) Failure to take prescribed drugs or over the counter drugs as agreed in a contract between a University Official and the student

13. Improper Uses of Computers and Technology

This rule prohibits but is not limited to any violation of the Electronic Communications Acceptable Use Policy; pornography; plagiarism of programs; misuse of computer accounts; unauthorized destruction of files; creating illegal accounts; possession of unauthorized passwords; and disruptive, annoying, or illegal (as defined by State or

14. Misappropriation or Misuse of Student Organization Funds or Property

This includes, but is not limited to, misuse or over-extension of the budget of a student organization; spending receipts prior to proper deposit; and unauthorized personal use of equipment.

15. Property Damage and Vandalism

Intentional, negligent, or attempted acts resulting in property damage or vandalism are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a.) Damage, vandalism, destruction, abuse, or fraudulent use of University or private property;
- b.) Damage, vandalism, destruction, abuse, or fraudulent use of University services including computer and telephone services.

16. Theft is defined as any intentional or negligent acts or attempted acts resulting in theft are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a.) Theft or possession of stolen University property
- b.) Theft or possession of stolen personal property
- c.) Theft or possession of stolen property belonging to any local, state or federal entity (e.g. road signs, bathroom signage, business signage or logo)

17. Unauthorized Entry/Exit or Presence in or on University Property

This rule prohibits, but is not limited to, the following:

- a.) Improper or unauthorized entry or exit of a University building, facility, or campus residence (e.g. entering or exiting a residence hall or University building through a window).
- b.) Failure or refusal to leave University grounds, a University facility, or a specific portion thereof, when requested by an authorized University official.

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21. Violations of Federal, State, and Local Laws

Students are responsible for knowing and observing all local, state and federal laws. Regardless of conviction, action or lack of such action by law enforcement will not preclude University action in the event the misconduct in question also constitutes a violation of this Code.

22. Violation of Resid

by the conference authority. The role of the advisor will be to consult with the accused at reasonable intervals during the course of the conference.

1. Students accused of serious criminal offenses on or off campus shall be subject to university action through the Code of Student Conduct, including Emergency Administrative Action. Serious criminal offenses shall include, but is not limited to behavior which (a) is defined as a felony under local, state or Federal laws, and (b) indicates that the student constitutes a substantial danger to the safety or property of the University, themselves or members of the campus community. The University reserves the right to take action through its Student Conduct System prior to the disposition of any action that may result from criminal proceedings.

ARTICLE IX. STUDENT CONDUCT SANCTIONS

The purpose of imposing sanctions is twofold: to protect the University community from behaviors that are detrimental to the educational process of the community; and to assist students in identifying acceptable parameters of their actions and consequences of future behaviors. The severity of the sanctions imposed is intended to correspond with the severity or frequency of him or herself to good citizenship

Appeals must be presented in writing via electronic email by the student, specifically described to the next level of conference authority such as the **Dean of Students** or designated authority, the *Vice President*

