

## **UW REGULATION 8-30 Student Conduct**

### **I. PURPOSE.**

The University of Wyoming is a community of scholars in which the ideals of freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, and freedom of expression are sustained. The exercise and preservation of these freedoms require a respect for the rights of all in the community to enjoy them to the same extent. It is clear that in a community of learning, willful disruption of the educational process, destruction of property, and interference with the orderly process of the institution or with the rights of other members of the University of Wyoming cannot be tolerated.

When students enter the University of Wyoming, they assume responsibilities and obligations, including satisfactory academic performance and social behavior consistent with the purpose of the institution. Student conduct, therefore, is not considered in isolation within the University community but as an integral part of the educational process. As such, students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules and regulations of the University. Students, like all members of the University community, assume the responsibility to conduct themselves in compliance with the objectives and standards of conduct established by the University of Wyoming.

### **II. AUTHORITY FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE.**

#### **A. Authority and Jurisdiction.**

Authority for student discipline is vested in the Board of Trustees of the University. Disciplinary authority may be delegated through the enactment of a Student Code of Conduct under the direction of the Dean of Students. Nothing in the Code is meant to prohibit any University official from acting within the scope of his or her designated responsibility and authority in addressing student misconduct, in or outside of the classroom. University jurisdiction for student misconduct shall be limited, in general, to conduct that occurs on University premises, or at University-sponsored or University-supervised events including students involved with off-campus internships and study abroad programs, or, that occurs off University premises and has an adverse impact on the University community, its members, and/or the pursuit of its objectives, regardless of where such conduct may occur. Whenever student conduct constitutes a violation of federal, state, or municipal law as well as University rules, disciplinary proceedings may be instituted against a student for the preservation of University interests. Proceedings under the Code may be conducted prior to, simultaneously with, or following any civil or criminal proceedings. Students, as well student organizations, are subject to this jurisdiction.

#### **B. Dean of Students.**

The Dean of Students is that individual designated by the University President and the Vice President of Student Affairs to be responsible for the administration, maintenance, and revision of the Code. The Dean of Students may delegate this responsibility.

### **III. GENERAL STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Every student has the right to all advantages, prestige and honors accruing to a student of this institution. The student retains the rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Wyoming, the right to pursue an education, and to receive a degree or certificate for the successful completion of its requirements. The University will establish and publish its rules concerning student conduct. The University will determine when its rules are violated and determine the appropriate course of action. By enrolling in the University of Wyoming, the student accepts the responsibility to comply with the University's authority.

### **IV. STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT CONTENT.**

The Code shall include, but not be limited to: (a) definitions, (b) student rights and responsibilities, (c) authority for student discipline, (d) prohibited conduct, (e) judicial policies and procedures, including policies regarding student records related to disciplinary proceedings, (f) sanctions, and (g) appeals processes. Academic dishonesty and misconduct are addressed in UniReg 802. Discrimination and Sexual Harassment are defined and will be handled under the procedures outlined within the university regulations on those topics.

### **V. REVISION, APPROVAL, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Code shall be reviewed as needed under the direction of the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students or designee is responsible for recommending revisions to the Code. The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming will be consulted as part of any revision process. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall review revisions of the Code in consultation with the Office of General Counsel. Any revisions to the Code shall become effective from the date of their approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

### **VI. DISTRIBUTION/STUDENT NOTIFICATION.**

The Code will be published and distributed by the Admissions Office and/or the Office of the Registrar to each student at or before the student's enrollment in the University of Wyoming. The Code shall also be made available through the University's electronic information system. The failure of a student to receive a copy of the Code or the failure of the Code to be readily available through the University's electronic information system shall not negate the authority of the Code.

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