Student Services

BP 5500 STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

References:

Education Code Sections 66300 et. Seq. and 76120;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

The chancellor shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline on students in accordance with the requirements for due process of the federal and state law and regulations.

The procedures shall clearly define the conduct that is subject to discipline, and shall identify potential disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student.

The Board of Trustees shall consider any recommendation from the chancellor for expulsion. The Board shall consider an expulsion recommendation in closed session unless the student requests that the matter be considered in a public meeting. Final action by the Board on the expulsion shall be taken at a public meeting.

The procedures shall be made widely available to students through the college catalogs and other means.

The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline, including but not limited to the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student, except for conduct that constitutes sexual harassment under Title IX, which shall be addressed under BP 3433 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment under Title IX:

- Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
- Possession, sale, or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm, knife, or explosive, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student has obtained written permission to possess the item from a district employee, which is concurred in writing by the college president.
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind; or unlawful possession of, or

offering, arranging, or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.
- Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
- Causing or attempting to cause damage to district property or to private property on campus.
- Stealing or attempting to steal district property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen district property or private property on campus.
- Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the district.
- Sexual assault or sexual exploitation regardless of the victim's affiliation with the district.
- Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by district policies and procedures.
- Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by law.
- Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying against another student or member of the district community through words or actions, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; social isolation or manipulation; and cyberbullying.
- Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to college personnel.
- Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel or members of the district community.
- Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty.
- Dishonesty, forgery, alteration, or misuse of college documents, records, or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the district.
- Unauthorized entry upon or use of college facilities.
- Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct on district-owned or controlled property or at district-sponsored or supervised functions.
- Engaging in expression which is obscene; libelous, or slanderous; or which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on college premises, or the violation of lawful district administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the district.
- Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
- Unauthorized preparation, giving, selling, transfer, distribution, or publication, for any commercial purpose, of any contemporaneous recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to handwritten or typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any district policy or administrative procedure.

Students who engage in any of the above are subject to the procedures outlined in AP 5520 Student Discipline Procedures.

District community is defined as the entirety of the public that interacts with the district, its colleges, and district operations. This includes students, employees, visitors, and contractors.

Also see AP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct and AP 5520 Student Discipline Procedures.

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