



Division of Student Services

EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Purpose of University Discipline

The education process at Creighton University is founded on Christian ideals and is committed to intellectual growth, the search for truth, and the development of such attributes as integrity, human dignity, and the concern for others.

The regulations set forth in this handbook and in other official University bulletins are essential to the University's educational purpose and the promotion of community life. The major emphasis of this disciplinary system is the education and development of the student and the protection of the rights of other members of the University community.

Obligations of a Student

By voluntary entrance into the Creighton University community, the student assumes obligations of performance and behavior, both on and off campus, reasonably imposed by the institution. These obligations are in addition to those imposed on all citizens by the civil and criminal law.

Inherent Authority

The standards and procedures set forth in this document are those the University normally applies to disciplinary matters. The University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well being of the campus and community. This includes the right to suspend or expel, or request the withdrawal of, a student at any time, with or without specific charge or hearing subject only to the student's right to request the University President to review the academic or academic-related disciplinary matters, and the student's right to request the Vice President for Student Services to review nonacademic misconduct disciplinary matters, as the case may be.

Student Discipline Procedures

All University students are members of both a particular college or school and the social body of all University students. With this in mind, the authority for adjudication of student disciplinary matters is delegated in two ways:

First, the Dean of the particular school or college and his or her staff have full authority regarding all academic and academic-related disciplinary matters and penalties with respect thereto. This is subject only to the provisions of this Handbook relating to appeals of such matters after the Dean has imposed a serious penalty (i.e., expulsion from the University, suspension or a request for withdrawal).

Second, the University Committee on Student Discipline has authority regarding all nonacademic disciplinary matters where it is anticipated that a student infraction may result in disciplinary probation, withdrawal, suspension and/or expulsion. The Integrity Council has authority regarding all nonacademic disciplinary matters where it is anticipated that a student infraction may result in a warning or disciplinary reprimand. This is subject only to the right of the student to appeal decisions of these committees as stated in the appeals process provided in this Handbook.

However, social conduct and discipline in certain professional groups may be so closely related to professional suitability as to make them inseparable. Therefore, the Vice President for Student Services may, on a case by case basis, delegate to the Academic Dean of the professional school the authority and responsibility for the nonacademic conduct and discipline of his or her students. Where such delegation occurs, the Academic Dean shall have full authority respecting nonacademic disciplinary matters and penalties with respect thereto regarding his/her students, subject only to applicable appeal procedures set forth herein. If a determination is made at this time, either by the Vice President for

Student Services or the Academic Dean of the professional school of enrollment, that the misconduct, whether it is nonacademic or academic related, could in any way adversely affect patient or client interests, the student's status shall be altered to preclude any contact with patients or clients in the learning experience.

In no event shall the delegations described in the previous paragraphs, or the delineation of disciplinary authority or procedures in this Handbook, supersede the discretionary authority of the University President to decide or review disciplinary matters and impose serious or other penalties therein.

Students are accountable to both civil and University authorities for acts which constitute violations of law and this code. When a student has been apprehended for violations of local, state, or federal law, the University will not request or agree to special consideration for the individual because of his or her status as a student. The University will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and other agencies responsible for rehabilitation. On the other hand, because of the severely disruptive nature of many violations of this code, the University will normally not defer its proceedings while civil or criminal proceedings are in process. In addition, the University will not necessarily accept or be bound by the findings of civil or criminal proceedings in its proceedings.

In regard to this code, alleged misconduct by a student organization is handled in a manner similar to that used in addressing misconduct by individual students.

Withdrawal of a student from the University does not suspend, terminate or otherwise affect the prerogative of the University to at any time initiate, resume, or continue any disciplinary action or proceedings against a student for actions or events which occurred prior to the withdrawal.