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STUDENT CONDUCT

A. Purpose

This statement describes the standard of conduct applicable to each member of the student body.

B. General Statement

1. The University of Texas at Brownsville considers cultivation of self-discipline by its students to be of great importance in the development of responsible citizens. Therefore, the University expects its students to maintain standards of personal discipline that are in harmony with the education goals and purpose of the University.
2. Although The University of Texas at Brownsville is committed to the full support of the constitutional rights of its students, including due process, it also has an equal obligation to protect its educational purpose and the interest of the student body. The University must therefore be concerned with the actions of individuals or groups that are in conflict with the welfare and integrity of the institution or in disregard of the rights of other students or faculty.
3. Attendance at a tax-supported educational institution of higher learning is optional and voluntary. By such voluntary entrance into the academic community of The University of Texas at Brownsville, students voluntarily assume the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the University relevant to its lawful missions, processes, and functions.
4. When students enter The University of Texas at Brownsville it is assumed that they have a serious purpose and a sincere interest in their own social and intellectual development. They are expected to learn to cope with problems with intelligence, reasonableness, and consideration for the rights of others; to obey laws and ordinances of the nation, state, and community for which they, as well as the University, are a part. As students prize rights and freedoms for themselves, they are expected to respect the rights and freedoms of others.
5. The administration of student discipline at The University of Texas at Brownsville is a responsibility shared by students, faculty, and administrative staff. In many cases, peer group influence, counseling, admonition, and example may resolve problems of student conduct. Where these preferred means fail, resort is made to disciplinary procedures. Any academic or administrative official, faculty member, or student



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may file a complaint against any student for misconduct. A student may be penalized herein, even though he is also punished by state or federal authorities for the same act.

6. Students are subject to federal, state, and local laws as well as University rules and regulations. Students are subject to reasonable disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion in appropriate cases, for breach of federal, state, or local laws or University rules and regulations.
7. Individuals who are not currently enrolled at the University remain subject to the disciplinary process for conduct that occurred during any period of enrollment, and for statements, acts, or omissions related to application for enrollment or the award of a degree.

C. Delineation of Responsibilities

1. The Division of Student Services, by delegation of the President of the University, is designated as the agency within the University which has student conduct as one of its responsibilities. The Dean is responsible to the President of the University for recommending policies relating to conduct and for formulating and recommending rules and enforcement procedures within the frame-work of existing policies, for disposal and referral of such individual cases as may properly come before it, and for recommending to the President of the University changes in the administration of any aspect of the standards of student conduct.
2. The President of the University has assigned to the Vice President of Student Services the responsibility of development of policies on student life, the enforcement of rules governing student conduct, and the administration of student discipline.

D. General Rules and Regulations on Campus

1. Rules and regulations relating to the student of The University of Texas of Brownsville are enacted with the view towards protecting the best interests of the individual, the general welfare of the entire student body, and the educational objectives of the University. These rules and regulations are few, and most students will not find them unduly restrictive. Violations of institutional rules and regulations, including those which may subsequently be enacted, may subject a student to disciplinary action.



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2. A member of the University community is defined as any student, full or part-time, faculty or teaching personnel, administrative personnel, or non-academic employee of the University.

E. Review

This document shall be reviewed in each odd numbered calendar year by the Vice President of Student Services.