WHAT A DEAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT
STUDENT CONDUCT

THE MISSION:
The mission of the Student Conduct program is centered on advancing MSU’s educational mission - “The student conduct process at MSU is not intended to punish students; rather, it exists to challenge behavior that is not in accordance with our policies and to foster a better understanding of the expectations that exist for members of our academic community.”

WHAT IS NOT STUDENT CONDUCT?
1. Cases that involve discrimination or sexual harassment/misconduct
2. Management of the college classroom
3. Academic Misconduct

WHERE DO REPORTS COME FROM?
1. 2016/2017 – 1907 cases (910 incidents)
2. 95% of all student conduct reports come from either Residence Life or University Police

WHAT TYPES OF INCIDENTS ARE REPORTED?
1. Alcohol (925 cases)
2. Drug (420 cases)
3. Alcohol/Drug Medical Transports (36 cases)
4. Disruptive and Illegal Conduct (136 cases)
5. Tobacco Violations (110 cases)

MECHANICS OF REPORTING STUDENT CONDUCT ISSUES:
1. Procedural Due Process
2. Administrative Meetings
3. Informal Resolutions (Administrative Agreements)
4. Formal Student Conduct Hearings

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS THAT VIOLATE THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT?
1. Year in School (80% freshman)
2. Gender (66% male)
3. Residency Status (64% out of state)
4. Academic Program (Pre-Business, University Studies, and ME)

WHEN DO VIOLATIONS OCCUR?
1. Start of the Fall Semester
2. Start of the Spring Semester
3. April
WHERE DO VIOLATIONS OCCUR?

1. Residence Halls (especially in parking lots)
2. Fraternities
3. Off-campus houses
4. Downtown Bozeman

OUTCOMES (SANCTIONS):

1. Individual and student organizations
2. Warnings (853)
3. Educational sessions (302 success center; 173 educational assignment; 452 alcohol/drug education)
4. Community service (100)
5. Conduct probation/suspension warning (261)
6. Suspension (23)
7. Expulsion (1)

IMPORTANT CHANGES THE LAST 3 YEARS:

1. Unified Student Conduct (with file sharing)
2. Unified Clery Reporting
3. Increased presences of Law Enforcement
4. Off-campus Enforcement (DUIs and House Parties)
   a. “The Code of Student Conduct applies to behaviors that take place on campus, at University sponsored events, and may also apply off-campus when the Dean of Students determines that the off-campus conduct affects a substantial University interest.”

WHAT’S NEXT?

1. Common Sanctioning Guidelines (increasing)
2. Integrated Marketing and Education

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Training for Dean’s Office and Department Heads
2. Conversations about our expectations on alcohol and drugs

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