

# 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

# WHO TO CONTACT SHOULD AN ISSUE ARISE:

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