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Students are responsible for observing the policies, rules, and regulations of Purdue University.

These, in general, state the expectation that Purdue students will at all times conduct themselves as responsible citizens. Failure to show respect for duly established civil laws or University regulations will be handled by the [Office of the Dean of Students](#) in conformance with the various policies and regulations

hereafter stated. The Student Honor Code and the Bill of Student Rights are documents initiated by the students themselves and approved by the faculty and the Board of Trustees for the purpose of indicating both the rights and the responsibilities of students. In the interest of specificity in regulations, the resolution of the Board of Trustees states in detail the kind of serious misconduct for which students are subject to suspension or expulsion from the University and the methods of appealing disciplinary decisions.

This section is followed by other miscellaneous regulations concerning the conduct of students. It is imperative that students become thoroughly familiar with this part of Student Regulations in order to avoid jeopardizing their relationships with the University and to understand fully their responsibility as citizens and members of the University community.

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## Purdue University Bill of Student Rights

(West Lafayette Campus)

(From Vice President and Treasurer Memo A-16. Board of Trustees, April 30, 1970. Revised by the January 9, 1975, July 10, May 31, 1997.)

### Preamble

At an institution of higher learning, the pursuit of knowledge and the attainment of mature attitudes will be greatly facilitated by freedom of expression and decision making as enumerated in the following Bill of Rights. In exercising these rights, however, students must bear the responsibility to act in accordance with local, state, and national laws, and University rules. No right specified by this bill is meant to be construed as enabling students to infringe upon the individual rights of another member of the academic community. We, the students, thereby endorse the Purdue Honor Code and the following Bill of Rights, expecting in all instances to accept these documents with maturity and a level of responsibility that enables the University to retain its academic excellence and to foster an atmosphere conducive to thoughtful and productive individual and collaborative inquiry.

### Article 1

The student has the right to accurately and plainly stated information that enables the student to understand clearly:

- A. The general qualifications for establishing and maintaining acceptable academic standing within a particular major and at all other levels within the University.
- B. The graduation requirements for the student's specific curriculum and major.
- C. The course objectives, requirements, and grading policies set by individual instructors for their courses.

### Article 2

Changes in graduation requirements that would delay completion of a student's program or impose a hardship on the student shall not be applied retroactively. This article shall not apply to professional certification or other requirements imposed from outside the University.

### Article 3

A student's education record or other personally identifiable information except directory information shall not be disseminated outside the University without the student's consent, except under legal compulsion. Within the University, the use of the student's education records or other personally identifiable information shall be limited to providing student services. Disciplinary records of a student other than those required to support encumbrances of the academic transcript and/or registration shall be destroyed within five years after the student's separation from the University.

## Article 4

Purdue University recognizes that in the community of scholars there are certain indisputable rights to freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, and freedom of expression. The University encourages the search for truth and knowledge and does not abridge searchers' rights to reveal their findings, by both spoken and written word, even if in so doing they might find themselves at variance with their peers as well as the lay community. To dissent, to disagree with generally accepted truth and knowledge, is acceptable, and in many ways is essential to free debate and inquiry. Accordingly, the student shall be free to discuss and express any view relevant to subject matter presented by the instructor or other class members.

However, in exercising this freedom, the student shall not interfere with the academic process of the class by speaking to or behaving towards others in a manner constituting unwelcome, targeted conduct that is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive, and that so undermines and detracts from the educational experience of those to whom the speech or behavior is targeted, that the targeted person is effectively denied equal access to the University's resources and opportunities.

## Article 5

The student's course grade shall be based upon academic performance, and not upon opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. The students have the right to discuss and review their academic performance with their instructors. Any student who feels that any course grade has been based upon something other than academic performance has the right to appeal through the University Grade Appeals system.

## Article 6

Within the limitations generally accepted for proprietary and collaborative work, and those imposed by the relevant standards of academic honesty, the student has the right to freedom of inquiry, to exchange findings and recommendations, and consistent with applicable University regulations, to publish. No publication by a student shall imply University endorsement.

## Article 7

A student, student group, or student organization has the right to distribute written or electronic material on campus without prior approval, providing such distribution is consistent with appropriate regulations concerning the time, place, and manner of distribution and does not interfere with University activities. The student press shall be free of censorship or pressure aimed at controlling editorial policy or staff appointments or removals. The editors and managers shall not be arbitrarily suspended because of student, faculty, administrative, alumni, or community disapproval of editorial policy or content. The same freedom shall be assured oral statements or views on an institution-controlled and student-operated radio or television station. Such editorial freedom entails a corollary obligation under the canons of responsible jour-

nalism, applicable regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, and their station constitution or activity guidelines. All student communications shall explicitly state on the editorial page or in broadcast that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the University or of the student body.

## Article 8

The student has the right to freedom from unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, color, age, national origin or ancestry, disability, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, or status as a military veteran. A perceived violation of these principles shall be the basis for a grievance procedure with the Campus Appeals Board.

## Article 9

Students should have clearly defined means to participate in the formation of University policy affecting academic and student affairs. Student representation on University committees shall be provided wherever appropriate as a mode of student participation. In any case, University committees, when appropriate, should schedule and announce hearings at which representatives of the Purdue Student Government, Purdue Graduate Student Government, student organizations, and individual students as well, can present oral or written statements as effective to the committee deliberations.

## Article 10

Students living in University-operated housing shall have the right to share equally in the establishment, modification, and enforcement of residential rules and regulations. Such right shall be exercised through their residential student organizations in cooperation with appropriate University administration. The landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities of both parties shall be recognized as shall all law bearing on such relationships. A perceived violation of this right shall be the basis for a grievance procedure with the Campus Appeals Board.

## Article 11

The student has the right to freedom from illegal search and seizure. No contractual arrangement with the University shall be interpreted as waiving this right.

## Article 12

Any group of students may become a recognized Purdue student organization by registration with the University in accordance with the provision of University regulations. Any appeal of a University decision to discontinue or refuse recognition of a student group shall be made through the Campus Appeals Board.

## Article 13

Any student group recognized as a Purdue student organization shall be entitled to the use of available University facilities in conformity with regulations. Recognition shall not imply University endorsement of group goals and activities.

## Article 14

Any recognized Purdue student organization or any group of students that is able to secure sponsorship by a recognized student organization and that is able to demonstrate financial responsibility has the right to present speakers of its choice to address members of the University community using appropriate University facilities. These assemblies shall be subject to regulations necessary to prevent space and time conflicts and to protect the operations of the University and the safety of persons or property.

## Article 15

Freedom of assembly shall be guaranteed to all members of the University community. Such assemblies shall be consistent with University regulations regarding the time, place, and conduct of such assemblies.

## Article 16

Every student and recognized student organization has the right to substantive and procedural fair play in the administration of discipline and the imposition of academic sanctions. This requires that in all situations the student be informed of the nature of the charges, that the student be given an opportunity to refute them, and that the institution not be arbitrary in its actions.

## Article 17

The student who violates civil law may incur penalties prescribed by civil authorities. Only where the University's interests as an academic community are distinct from those of the general community should the special authority of the University be asserted.

## Article 18

It is the right of every student to exercise freely full rights as a citizen. Any student may participate in off-campus activities singly or with any group provided that no claim is made that the student represents the University.

## Article 19

This Bill of Student Rights is a reaffirmation by the entire University community that the constitutional guarantees and the basic principles of fair treatment and respect for the integrity, judgment, and contribution of the individual student, coinciding with each student's freedom to learn set forth in the foregoing articles, are essential to the proper operation of an institution of higher learning. Accordingly, in the interpretation and enforcement of the policies, rules, and regulations of Purdue University, these student rights shall be preserved and given effect, but they shall not be construed or applied so as to limit the rights guaranteed students under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the state of Indiana.

Whenever a student or a group of students claims that these rights have been violated and that the student or group of students has been or will be adversely affected thereby, and such complaint is not resolved informally by the interested parties, it may be presented to an appropriate body of the campus appeals system. Through this system, an appropriate board or committee shall have the power and duty to hear the interested parties and to make findings on complaints within its jurisdiction. In case of grade appeals, the University Grade Appeals Committees shall have final authority. In all other cases, the Campus Appeals Board shall submit recommendations to the president of the University; provided that all such

claims that arise out of or are connected with alleged misconduct for which disciplinary proceedings have been instituted shall be presented and determined in such proceedings. If necessary the president may present such recommendations to the Board of Trustees for its consideration.

## Article 20

The enumeration of this bill of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the student. Nothing contained in this bill shall be construed as any denial or limitation upon the legal authority or responsibility of the Board of Trustees to establish policies and to make rules and regulations governing the operation of Purdue University.

## Article 21

Proposed amendments of this Bill of Student Rights may be initiated by the Purdue Student Government, Purdue Graduate Student Government, University Senate, administrative officials, or the Board of Trustees and shall be submitted to the Purdue Student Government and University Senate for consideration and recommendation before adoption by the Board of Trustees. In the event the Board of Trustees adopts an amendment not approved by the Purdue Student Government, Purdue Graduate Student Government, and University Senate, then the Purdue Student Government or University Senate may withdraw its endorsement of the bill in whole or in part.

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## Purdue University Code of Honor

(From Vice President and Treasurer Memo A-16. Board of Trustees, April 30, 1970. Revised by the January 9, 1975, July 10, May 31, 1997.)

The purpose of the Purdue University academic community is to discover and disseminate truth. In order to achieve these goals, the university commits itself towards maintaining a culture of academic integrity and honesty. For this to be possible, self-discipline and a strong desire to benefit others must be present within each individual. Therefore, we students must follow the Regulations Governing Student Conduct of Purdue University out of a sense of mutual respect, rather than out of fear of the consequences of their violation.

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## Regulations Governing Student Conduct, Disciplinary Proceedings, and Appeals

(From Vice President and Treasurer Memo A-16. Board of Trustees, April 30, 1970, with revisions dated January 9 and July 10, 1975, May 31, 1997, April 2, 1999, April 9, 2010, May 10, 2013, June 1, 2014, August 15, 2016, July 1, 2018, August 19, 2020, August 19, 2022, March 18, 2023, April 1, 2025, and August 22, 2025.)

### A. Authority, Application, Amendments

1. Authority. These regulations are enacted pursuant to the power and authority conferred by the laws of the state of Indiana upon the Trustees of Purdue University, including without limitation, the power to do all acts necessary and expedient to put and keep Purdue University in operation, and to make all by-laws, rules, and regulations required or proper to conduct and manage

the University, as provided in Indiana Code 21-27-7-4 and 21-27-7-5, and the power and duty to do all acts and things mandated or provided for in Indiana Code 21-39-2-2, 21-39-2-3, 21-39-2-4, and 21-39-2-5.

2. **Application:** These regulations, as from time to time amended, and except to the extent adapted for regional campuses pursuant to Subsection A-4 below, shall apply to all undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students of Purdue University at the West Lafayette campus, each regional campus, and each Purdue Polytechnic Statewide location, and shall be deemed a part of the terms and conditions of the admission and enrollment of all students as of the stated effective date. Unless specifically noted, these regulations apply to behaviors that occur both off and on campus. Alleged violations of the University's Anti-Harassment Policy and of the University's Equal Access, Equal Opportunity, and Affirmative Action Policy are governed exclusively by the Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Discrimination and Harassment and not by these regulations. In case of any conflict or inconsistencies with any other rules, regulations, directives, or policies of the University now existing, these regulations shall govern. They shall be enforced by the President.
3. **Amendments.** Pursuant to the authority delegated to the President of the University by resolution of the Board of Trustees adopted April 9, 2010, any amendments to these regulations shall take effect on a date prescribed by, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by, the President. Amendments may be proposed at any time by the Purdue Student Government, Purdue Graduate Student Government, University Senate, administrative staff, or by the Board of Trustees. The Office of the Dean of Students shall, in consultation with the Office of Legal Counsel, conduct a review of these regulations every two years for the purpose of identifying any necessary updates resulting from changes in applicable law or University policy.
4. **Adaptation for Regional Campuses.** The Chancellors are hereby authorized and directed to make and promulgate modifications of these regulations, as applied to the regional campuses, which are necessary because of the different student or faculty organizations or governments existing at the regional campuses. Such revisions shall be effective when approved by the President, acting under the delegated authority of the Board of Trustees.
5. **Definitions:**

**Advisor** means any person selected by a student to assist in a disciplinary proceeding. A student has the right to be assisted by an advisor, but the advisor is not permitted to speak or participate directly in any other manner during any disciplinary proceeding, nor may an advisor appear in lieu of the student. Students are responsible for representing themselves. The advisor need not be an attorney, but the student is allowed to have an attorney serve as their advisor in the disciplinary proceeding, at the student's own expense, with the understanding that the attorney's role is as an advisor rather than as an advocate. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange for an advisor who is available at the time of the scheduled disciplinary proceeding. Postponement or rescheduling of student disciplinary proceedings due to availability of an advisor will not be permitted.

**Chancellor** means the chief executive officer of the Indiana University-Purdue University Ft. Wayne and Purdue Northwest regional campuses.

**Conduct Officer** means a staff member authorized by the Office of the Dean of Students to administer disciplinary proceedings and represent the University at Community Standards Board hearings.

**Dean of Students/Dean's Office** means the dean of students or another person authorized to act on their behalf.

**Degree deferral** means a decision issued as to a student who has completed the coursework of their degree program but who, at the time of the conduct in question, had not yet received a degree. In the case of such a decision, student status shall be suspended, no grades (other than directed grades) or academic credit shall be given, no degree shall be awarded, and no diploma shall be given, in each case for such a period of time and subject to the satisfaction of such conditions as the University decision-maker imposing the decision may determine. In cases where a degree deferral decision has been issued, it will be notated on the student's academic transcript until the date, if any, on which a degree is awarded based on the expiration of the deferral or the satisfaction of the imposed conditions, or both. The term "degree deferral" is not intended to cover the University's temporary withholding of a degree from a student pending the completion of any educational decisions imposed under these regulations.

**Degree revocation** means rescinding a degree previously awarded by the University. In cases where a degree revocation decision has been issued, it will be noted on the student's academic transcript on a permanent basis.

**Disciplinary outcome or disciplinary decision** means expulsion, degree deferral, suspension, probated suspension, disciplinary probation, written warning, restriction(s), and/or educational decisions, as these terms are defined herein.

**Disciplinary probation** means a probationary student status imposed for a limited time as a result of an official determination of conduct. In the event the student is found in violation (under the procedures set forth in these regulations) of subsequent charges of conduct, records of such disciplinary probations shall be taken into consideration in determining the disciplinary decision, if any, to be imposed because of such subsequent conduct. Students placed on a status of disciplinary probation are restricted from holding elected and/or appointed positions in recognized student organizations and may be subject to additional restrictions as determined by the Conduct Officer.

**Disciplinary proceeding** means an administrative hearing conducted by a Conduct Officer or by a Community Standards Board panel in the manner described in these regulations for the purpose of considering whether a violation has been committed and making a determination as to any related disciplinary outcome/decision to be imposed.

**Educational decisions** means the imposition of mandatory learning opportunities for students who violate the University's regulations, which require them to participate in reasonable and relevant educational activities that foster their personal, ethical and social development. Educational decisions may be proposed in combination with other disciplinary actions. Examples of educational decisions include but are not limited to referrals for assessments for substance use and abuse, educational seminars/workshops, community service, reflective writing assignments, research projects and presentations, and academic assessment refer-

rals. Some educational decisions may have fees associated with them, with the fee being the responsibility of the student to pay.

**Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (“Provost”)** is the chief academic affairs officer or another person authorized to act on their behalf.

**Expulsion** means permanent termination of student status, generally without grades; however, in cases such as academic dishonesty, a directed grade for a particular course may be appropriate. In cases where an expulsion is issued, it will be notated on the student’s academic transcript on a permanent basis. In cases where an expulsion is issued against a student who has completed the coursework of their degree program but who, at the time of the conduct in question, had not yet received a degree, the expulsion will result in no grades or academic credit being given, no degree being awarded, and no diploma being given.

**Informal action** means an action designed to educate students about the behavioral standards expected of them as members of the University community and to hold them accountable for inappropriate conduct.

**Obstruction or disruption of a University activity** means any unlawful or objectionable act or conduct (1) that seriously threatens the ability of the University to maintain or use its facilities for the performance of its educational, research and engagement activities, functions, or processes; (2) that is in violation of the reasonable rules and standards of the University designed to protect the academic community from unlawful conduct; or (3) that presents a serious threat to person or property of the academic community. Such phrase shall include, without limitation of the foregoing general definition: (a) the unlawful use of force or violence on or within any buildings or grounds owned, used, occupied, or controlled by the University; (b) using or occupying any such buildings or grounds in violation of reasonable rules or regulations of the University, or for the purpose or with the effect of denying or interfering with the lawful use thereof by others; (c) injuring or harming any person or damaging or destroying the property of the University or the property of others within such buildings and grounds; (d) obstructing building entrances, walkways, and rights-of-way or otherwise obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic on or adjacent to campus; and (e) interfering with classes, meetings, events or ceremonies sanctioned or sponsored by the University or with other essential processes of the University.

**Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR)** is an administrative unit of the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS) responsible for promoting student responsibility and encouraging honesty, integrity, and respect among Purdue students through education, compliance with behavioral standards, and support of individual rights.

**President** means the chief executive officer of the University.

**Probated suspension** means conditional continuation of student status for a limited and defined period of time. The student is permitted to retain student status upon the condition that the student does not further violate any provision of Subsection B(2) of these regulations that would normally result in a disciplinary outcome/decision during the time probated suspension is in effect. If, during the period of probated suspension, the student is found responsible for an additional violation of Subsection B(2) after a hearing, suspension may become immediately effective and may be extended for a longer period of time than the period of probated

suspension originally assigned. Students placed on a status of probated suspension are restricted from holding elected and/or appointed positions in recognized student organizations and may be subject to additional restrictions as determined by the Conduct Officer.

**Restriction** means the withdrawal or limitation of privileges for a defined period of time. This may include the ability to access or enter certain campus facilities, the ability to participate in co-curricular activities, and the ability to hold positions in which one may represent the University in an official capacity.

**Sealing** means a process by which the Dean of Students or designee may seal or void a student conduct record for good cause.

**Student** means an individual who has been offered and accepted an offer of admission to Purdue University at the West Lafayette campus, the Indianapolis campus, a regional campus, or a Purdue Polytechnic Statewide location or who is otherwise enrolled or participating in any Purdue course or program of study at one of the foregoing campuses or locations. This definition includes individuals who withdraw after allegedly violating this code or who are registered for a future semester, even if not currently enrolled. In addition, persons who are living in University Residence Halls, but not enrolled in the institution, are considered “students” for the purpose of enforcing this code.

**Summary action** means an immediate disciplinary suspension and exclusion from University property imposed under certain circumstances, as more particularly described in Subsection C(9) of these regulations.

**Suspension** means termination of student status for a limited time, generally without grades; however, in cases such as academic dishonesty, a directed grade for a particular course may be appropriate. In cases where a suspension decision has been issued, it will be notated on the student’s academic transcript for the duration of the suspension. At the end of the period of Suspension, the student is permitted to petition to return to the University. Reentry to the University is not guaranteed.

**University activity** is any teaching, research, service, administrative, or other function, proceeding, ceremony, program, or activity conducted by or under the authority of the University, or with which the University has any official connection, whether taking place on or off campus, including without limitation University cooperative education programs, internships, practicum, field experiences, and athletic or other intercollegiate activities.

**University business day** means a day when the University is open for normal business, regardless of whether classes are in session (e.g., the day preceding Thanksgiving).

**University property** means property owned, controlled, supervised, used, or occupied by the University.

**Vice Provost for Student Life (VPSL)** is the chief student affairs officer or another person authorized to act on their behalf.

**Written Warning** is a disciplinary decision consisting of an official notification to a student that their behavior is inappropriate and not in compliance with the standards set forth in these regulations.

## B. Student Conduct

1. **General.** Students are expected and required to abide by the laws of the state of Indiana and of the United States and the rules and regulations of Purdue University, to conduct their academic and scholarly pursuits with the highest levels of ethical and honest behavior, to conduct themselves in accordance with accepted standards of social behavior, to respect the rights of others, and to refrain from any conduct that tends to obstruct the work of the University or to be injurious to the welfare of the University. A student who violates these general standards of conduct may be subject to informal actions (as defined in Subsection A(5) of these regulations). If the violation falls within one of the categories of conduct listed in Subsection B(2) of these regulations, the student may also be subject to disciplinary action. No disciplinary outcome/decision may be imposed except for conduct covered by one of the categories listed in Subsection B(2). Violations of any anti-harrassment or non-discrimination policies promulgated by the Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance, as well as the investigation and resolution of complaints made under those policies, are governed exclusively by the Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Discrimination and Harassment and/or Procedures for Resolving Complaints of Title IX Harrassment and not by these regulations.
2. **Conduct Subject to Disciplinary Outcomes/Decisions.** The following actions constitute conduct for which students may be subject to informal action or disciplinary outcomes:
  - a. Dishonesty in connection with any University activity. The expectation to uphold the standards of academic integrity and honesty is a responsibility of every member of the University community. Cheating, plagiarism, including acts of self-plagiarism and multiple submissions, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University are examples of dishonesty. As recognized by the University Senate, “the commitment of the acts of cheating, lying, stealing, and deceit in any of their diverse forms (such as the use of ghost-written papers, the use of substitutes for taking examinations, the use of illegal cribs, plagiarism, and copying during examinations) is dishonest and must not be tolerated. Moreover, knowingly to aid and abet, directly or indirectly, other parties in committing dishonest acts is in itself dishonest.” (University Senate Document 72-18, December 15, 1972). Accordingly, the following behaviors will be considered violations of these standards and are subject to disciplinary action as set forth in these procedures.
    - i. *Cheating:* Students are expected to adhere to the guidelines provided by instructors for academic work so that no student gains an unfair advantage. Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, study aids, notes, or any other device in any academic exercise will not be tolerated. Unauthorized materials may include anything which or anyone who gives a student assistance that has not been approved by the instructor in advance.
    - ii. *Plagiarism:* Intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise, including presentation of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) or similar output as one’s own, or as any other person’s product, without proper attribution. The sole exception of the requirements of acknowledging sources is when the information is considered common knowledge. Plagiarism includes “self-plagiarism”, which is reusing portions of the student’s previously written text and/or assignments, without acknowledgement or proper attribution.

- iii. *Fabrication*: Intentional and/or unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in any academic exercise. Includes but is not necessarily limited to (A) the changing and/or manipulation of research data, results, processes, or research record; (B) the omission of results from the research record; and (C) the alteration and resubmission of a graded academic exercise.
  - iv. *Multiple Submissions*: The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work for credit more than once without authorization from the instructor.
  - v. *Collusion*: Intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any regulation governing the standards of academic integrity described in these regulations. Students may only collaborate on academic work within the limits prescribed by the instructor.
- b. Forgery, alteration, or the unauthorized use of any documents, records, or identification.
  - c. Obstruction or disruption of any University activity (as defined in Subsection A(5) of these regulations) or inciting, aiding, or encouraging other persons to engage in such conduct.
  - d. Actions constituting (i) physical abuse of any person or conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any other person, (ii) an act of intimidation or a threat communicated with the conscious disregard of a substantial and unjustifiable risk that it may cause, or be viewed as threatening, harm to another person, or (iii) the wearing of a mask or personal disguise, or otherwise the concealing one's identity with the intent to intimidate any person or group, or for the purpose of evading or escaping discovery, recognition, or identification in the commission of violations of University policy, University regulations, or municipal, state, or federal laws, whether or not, in each case, such abuse, conduct, act of intimidation, threat, or identity concealment occurs on or in University property.
  - e. Hazing: Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with others) against other person(s) that (1) is committed in the course of initiation, admission into, or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group or organization, or as part of any activity of a recognized student organization or student group; and (2) causes or creates risk of physical injury or psychological injury above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization. Examples of prohibited behavior under the hazing category include but are not limited to:
    - i. Misuse of authority by virtue of one's leadership position
    - ii. Assaulting an individual by paddling, beating, striking, or hitting
    - iii. Preventing an individual from attending class
    - iv. Requiring another to engage in any form of forced physical activity or exercise
    - v. Causing sleep deprivation, exposure to elements, confinement in small spaces, or other similar activity
    - vi. Inducing a person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs or other substances
    - vii. Causing or coercing another person to perform sexual acts

- viii. Any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct
- ix. Any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, state, or federal law and/or any of Purdue's policies
- x. Any activity that induces another person to perform a task that involves a criminal violation of local, state, or federal law and/or any of Purdue's policies
- xi. Failing to report any of the foregoing behavior to the appropriate University officials (e.g., the Office of the Dean of Students and/or the Purdue University Police Department) after having firsthand knowledge of the planning of such activities or firsthand knowledge that an incident of this type has occurred.

Individuals or groups may not consent to these types of prohibited behavior. Individuals will be held accountable for their own actions, and neither citing the activity as a "tradition" nor being coerced by current or former members, alumni, and/or student leaders of such groups or organizations will suffice as a justifiable reason for participation in such activity.

The foregoing list of prohibited behaviors under the hazing category is not intended to prohibit the following conduct:

- i. Planning or participating in customary public athletic events, contests, or competitions that are sponsored by the University or the organized and supervised practices associated with such events; or
  - ii. Planning or participating in any activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate extracurricular program or a legitimate military training program as defined and approved by the University.
- f. Theft or attempted theft of, or the unauthorized use or possession of, or the unauthorized exertion of control over, or causing damage to property of any kind.
- g. Unauthorized entry or access to, or unauthorized use or occupancy of, any University property, including without limitation lands, buildings, structures, telecommunications, computer or data processing equipment, programs, systems, software, or other facilities or services connected with a University activity.
- h. Violation of any University rule governing student organizations, or the use of University property (including the time, place, and manner of meetings or demonstrations on University property), or of any other University rule that is reasonably related to the orderly operation of the University; provided, however, that no disciplinary outcome shall be imposed in any such case unless it is shown that the accused student knew, or, in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known, of the rule in question.
- i. Use, possession, providing, selling, manufacturing, or distribution of any illegal drug, controlled substance, narcotic or prescription drug, except as expressly permitted by law. Intentionally or recklessly inhaling or ingesting any substance (e.g., nitrous oxide, glue, paint, etc.) for the purpose or effect of altering a student's mental state is also prohibited.
- j. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct on University property or in connection with a University activity.

k. Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties, including but not limited to failing to present identification upon request of a University official acting in the official capacity of their position.

l. Any conduct that substantially threatens or interferes with the maintenance of appropriate order and discipline in the operation of the University, or any conduct on University property or in connection with a University activity that invades the rights of others, including acting in concert with or at the direction of another to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any person in the free exercise of their rights.

m. The possession, sale, use, or manufacturing of alcohol beverages in or on any University property, unless expressly permitted by law or University Regulations (University Senate Document, 99-9, April 24, 2000). Additionally, prohibited behavior includes displaying behavior of public intoxication, operating a vehicle or other mode of transportation under the influence of alcohol, and providing or distributing alcohol to a minor, whether or not such conduct occurs on University property.

n. The possession, use, or distribution of any explosives, guns, or other deadly or dangerous weapons reasonably calculated to cause bodily injury on University property or in connection with a University activity, unless specifically authorized by the University (University Senate Document 99-10, April 24, 2000).

o. Violating the terms of any University disciplinary outcome/decision. This behavior includes violating standards outlined in these regulations while currently under a University disciplinary outcome/decision for previous behavior or failing to meet deadlines and/or requirements assigned in conjunction with a violation of these regulations.

3. **Demonstrations.** Any individual or group expressive activity that has the intent or effect of calling attention to the participants' point of view on an issue is not of itself misconduct. Demonstrations that do not involve conduct beyond the scope of constitutionally protected rights of free speech and assembly are, of course, permissible. However, conduct that is otherwise improper cannot be justified merely because it occurs in the context of a demonstration. Demonstrations that involve violations of any provision of Subsection B(2) of these regulations will not be permitted. A student will be charged with misconduct for any individual misconduct committed by the student in the course of a demonstration.
4. **Status During Suspension and Degree Deferral.** No grades (other than directed grades) or academic credit shall be given, no degree shall be awarded, and no diploma shall be given to any student who has been suspended from the University so long as the Suspension is in effect. Similarly, no grades (other than directed grades) or academic credit shall be given, no degree shall be awarded, and no diploma shall be given to any student who received the decision of a degree deferral until such time as the degree deferral period has expired and all conditions related thereto have been satisfied.
5. **Status During Appeal.** No grades (other than directed grades) or academic credit shall be given, no degree shall be awarded, and no diploma shall be given to any student who is appealing an Expulsion or Suspension. After the time for any appeal of Suspension or Expulsion has expired, or upon the conclusion of any unsuccessful appeal of Suspension or Expulsion, no grades or academic credit shall be given, no degree shall be awarded, and no diploma shall be given.

6. **Status During Disciplinary Proceedings.** Except where summary action is taken as provided in Subsection C(9) of these regulations, the status of a student charged with misconduct shall not be affected pending the final disposition of charges; provided, however, that no diploma shall be given, and no grades (other than directed grades), academic credit, or degree shall be awarded, to a student against whom charges are pending for which a disciplinary decision may be imposed. The effective date of any disciplinary decision shall be a date established by the final adjudicating University authority.

7. **Conduct Subject to Other Penalties.** As provided by Indiana Code 21-39-2-5, conduct that constitutes a violation of these rules and regulations may be subject to a disciplinary or educational outcome/decision after determination of responsibility by the procedures herein provided, without regard to whether such conduct also constitutes an offense under the criminal laws of any state or of the United States or whether such conduct might result in civil liability of the violator to other persons.

### C. Procedures in Student Conduct Cases

1. Any individual from inside or outside the University community may file a complaint against a student suspected of violating University regulations. The complaint shall be directed to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR). Complaints should be submitted as soon as possible after the event takes place, preferably no later than during the semester in which the event happened. Upon receipt of an alleged violation, the Conduct Officer will conduct an initial review of the information provided.

After this initial review of the complaint, the Conduct Officer will determine:

- a. Whether there is insufficient information to move forward with student disciplinary proceedings:
  - i. The Conduct Officer may elect to conduct a preliminary investigation of the complaint to determine if additional information may be obtained that would lead to student disciplinary proceedings being initiated.
  - ii. In addition, the Conduct Officer may request to meet with the student identified as the subject of the complaint to discuss the circumstances surrounding the incident. (This meeting may, but need not, also serve as the pre-hearing information session described in Subsection C(2)(b) of these regulations, below.)
- b. Whether there is sufficient information to initiate student disciplinary proceedings as described in these regulations; and
- c. If student disciplinary proceedings are to be initiated: (i) whether an individual hearing with the Conduct Officer of record or a hearing before the Purdue University Community Standards Board (CSB) panel should occur, or (ii) whether, in the Conduct Officer's sole discretion and judgment, the information supports the offer of diversion from formal proceedings involving the Community Standards Board via the Diversion Program described in Section D of these regulations.

2. **Disciplinary Proceedings, General.** Except for a disposition pursuant to the Summary Action procedures described in Subsection C(9)(e)(ii) of these regulations and the Diversion Program procedures described in Section D, the procedures hereby established and set forth in Subsection C(1) to C(7) of these regulations shall be followed in all cases in which the University initiates disciplinary proceed-

ings against students for alleged violations of the standards of student conduct set forth in Subsection III-B of these regulations.

- a. Relationship to Other Procedures. These procedures shall not affect additional jurisdiction or procedures established by recognized student organizations or agencies/offices authorized to act on behalf of the University (e.g., Office of Vice President for Ethics and Compliance, University Residences, Recreation and Wellness, Student Activities and Organizations, Intercollegiate Athletics, etc.).
- b. Pre-Hearing Information Session. At any pre-hearing information session held with the student, a representative of the OSRR will meet informally with the student prior to the hearing to explain the disciplinary process and to answer questions about the procedures and possible consequences. The attendance of the student at such a pre-hearing information session is required in cases where the alleged misconduct may result in the student's being suspended or expelled from the University or receiving a degree deferral decision. In other cases, the pre-hearing information session will be offered to the student as an optional step in the process. The pre-hearing information session may be held either before or after a notice of charges is formally delivered to the student.

### **3. Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings**

- a. Disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated by the Conduct Officer by the issuance of a written notice of charges.
- b. The notice of charges (and all other written notices given to students against whom disciplinary proceedings are initiated) shall be delivered by the most effective method (including electronic means) to the student's address as it then appears on the official records of the University. The notice shall inform the student of the rule or regulation allegedly violated, fairly inform the student of the reported circumstances of the alleged violation and either (i) require the student to appear before the Conduct Officer for an individual hearing regarding the alleged violation, or (ii) inform the student that there will be a hearing regarding the alleged violation before a panel of the Community Standards Board as described in Subsection C(7) of these regulations. A reference to these regulations shall accompany each notice of charges. A copy of the notice of charges may be sent to the parent or guardian of the student if the student is a dependent as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

### **4. Failure to Respond to Charges**

- a. If the notice of charges requests the student to appear before the Conduct Officer and the student fails or refuses to appear, the Conduct Officer may, after conducting such investigation as they may deem necessary, dismiss the charges or impose a disciplinary outcome/decision as defined in Subsection A(5) of these regulations.
- b. If the Conduct Officer imposes a disciplinary outcome/decision as defined in Subsection A(5) of these regulations, they shall notify the student in writing of such action, and the student may, subject to the eligibility criteria and procedures set forth in Subsection C(8) of these regulations, appeal this action to the VPSL (or designee), the Provost (or designee), or the Dean of the Graduate School (or designee), as applicable, in each case as provided in Subsection C(8) of these regulations.

- c. When it appears necessary to avoid undue hardship or to avoid injustice, the Conduct Officer may extend the time to enable a student to respond to the charges.

## **5. Response to Charges**

- a. If the student appears before the Conduct Officer in response to the notice of charges, either (i) for the purpose of an individual hearing regarding the alleged violation as provided in Subsection C(3)(b) or (ii) of these regulations for the purpose of a pre-hearing information session as provided in Subsection 2(b) of these regulations, the Conduct Officer shall advise the student as fully as possible of the facts concerning the charges.
- b. The student will be informed that they are afforded the following rights in connection with the student disciplinary proceeding:
  - i. The right to be informed of the allegations that have formed the basis for the charges;
  - ii. The right to make a statement regarding the allegations and the right not to make a statement regarding the allegations, which will not be held against the student in determining whether or not they are responsible for committing a policy violation;
  - iii. The right to be informed of any witnesses that the University will call as part of the disciplinary proceeding;
  - iv. The right to present witnesses as part of the student's response to the allegations. Students may present witnesses in person, with the exception of character witnesses, which will be considered in written format only. It is the responsibility of the student to present witnesses at the time of the scheduled disciplinary proceeding. Postponement or rescheduling of student disciplinary proceedings due to the availability of a witness will not be permitted.
  - v. The right to have one person of the student's choosing serve as a non-speaking advisor to the student during the disciplinary proceeding;
  - vi. The right to be informed of the outcome of the student disciplinary proceeding; and
  - vii. The right to appeal the decision of the Conduct Officer subject to the eligibility criteria and procedures set forth in Subsection C(8) of these regulations (Appeal of the Disciplinary Decision).

## **6. Procedures for Conducting Individual Hearings with Conduct Officer**

- a. Each hearing shall be conducted before a Conduct Officer. Although the hearing process is informal in nature, it shall be conducted in accordance with the rights described in Subsection C(5) of these regulations and shall provide the following procedural safeguards:
  - i. The student shall have the opportunity to hear information regarding the alleged violation;
  - ii. The student shall have the opportunity to rebut statements made by witnesses;
  - iii. The student shall have the opportunity to present witnesses or any relevant information on the student's own behalf; and
  - iv. The student shall be given the opportunity to respond to any new information gathered during any investigation conducted subsequent to a preliminary meeting with the Conduct

Officer as described in Subsection C(1)(a)(ii) of these regulations or subsequent to the individual hearing described in this Subsection C(6) of these regulations.

- b. After hearing all relevant information and conducting such further investigation as the Conduct Officer may deem necessary, the Conduct Officer has the responsibility to determine whether it is more likely than not that the student is responsible for the alleged violation(s). The decision of the Conduct Officer shall be based solely on information obtained at any preliminary meeting between the student and the Conduct Officer, introduced at the hearing, or obtained during any subsequent investigation conducted by or at the request of the Conduct Officer. The finding shall be rendered by the Conduct Officer, who shall be present for all testimony and discussion of the results of any such investigation.
- c. No person other than the student, their advisor as defined above, witnesses, the Conduct Officer, and staff members of OSRR shall be present during the discussion between the Conduct Officer and the student except by mutual agreement of both parties.
- d. Normally, within five University business days following the conclusion of the hearing and any subsequent investigation that the Conduct Officer may have deemed necessary, the Conduct Officer shall make the determination as to whether it is more likely than not that the student is responsible for the alleged violation(s). The Conduct Officer shall notify the student of the decision. The decision letter shall contain a finding as to the responsibility of the accused student and a brief statement of the reasons for the disciplinary decision/outcome(s), if any. Any disciplinary decision imposed or informal action taken is subject to the provisions of Subsection B(4) and B(5) of these regulations, as well as all other applicable University rules, regulations, or directives.
- e. Subject to the eligibility criteria and procedures set forth in Subsection C(8) of these regulations (Appeal of the Disciplinary Decision), a student may appeal a disciplinary outcome/decision that has been issued. If an appeal is allowed and properly submitted in accordance with Subsection C(8) of these regulations, instructions regarding the appeal form and notification of appeals procedures, including the address (which may be an email address) to which the appeal may be submitted, shall be provided in the decision letter to the student.

## **7. Community Standards Board Hearings**

- a. Purpose. The Community Standards Board (CSB) is organized by the OSRR to adjudicate student conduct cases that may result in suspension, degree deferral, expulsion, or degree revocation for the charged student. Cases that may not result in separation from the University may also be forwarded to the CSB for adjudication at the discretion of the OSRR.
- b. Composition. The CSB membership is composed of a pool of panelists representing undergraduates, graduate students, staff and faculty who have voluntarily applied and been trained to serve on a CSB panel. CSB members are trained to function as a team, to ask clear, sensitive and relevant questions designed to determine the facts of the case, and to consider the facts carefully and make recommendations for fair disciplinary outcome/decisions.
- c. Organization and Governance. For each case brought before it, the empaneled CSB generally consists of three students, one faculty member and one administrative staff member selected by OSRR from among the CSB membership. In cases involving alleged academic dishonesty or in cases where degree revocation is a possible outcome, the CSB panel must include a faculty

member. Each CSB panel selects a chair from among its membership to preside over its proceedings. In order to constitute a quorum necessary to proceed with a hearing, the CSB panel must have three members present, including at least two students and one staff or faculty member. Decisions of the CSB panel shall be rendered by vote of a majority of the quorum. In the event of any tie, the chair of the CSB panel shall be empowered to break the tie.

d. Procedures for CSB Hearings.

- i. Each hearing shall be conducted before the members of a CSB panel and shall follow procedures similar to those of an individual hearing with the Conduct Officer. Although the hearing is formal in nature, it shall be conducted in accordance with the rights described in Subsection C(5) of these regulations and shall provide the student with the opportunity (A) to hear information regarding the alleged violation; (B) to rebut statements made by witnesses; (C) to present witnesses or any relevant information in the student's own behalf; and (D) to respond to any new information gathered during any investigation conducted subsequent to the preliminary meeting with the Conduct Officer as described in Subsection C(1)(a)(ii) of these regulations.
- ii. Both the referred student and the Conduct Officer will have the opportunity to appear before the CSB panel to present information about the incident. As noted above, the student may present witnesses. The Conduct Officer may also present any of the witnesses who were previously disclosed to the student. CSB panel members may direct questions to the student and/or to the witnesses.
- iii. No person other than the student, their advisor, witnesses, or staff members of the OSRR shall be present during the hearing except by mutual agreement of the CSB panel and the student.

e. Recommendation of the CSB Panel. After hearing all relevant information, the CSB panel will (A) deliberate and make a written recommendation to the Dean of Students regarding whether it is more likely than not that the student is responsible for the alleged violation(s), and, if so (B) recommend disciplinary outcomes/decisions to the Dean of Students. The recommendation of the CSB panel shall be based solely on information introduced at the hearing. In cases in which degree revocation is the recommended outcome, this recommendation will also be forwarded to the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning (for undergraduate students) or to the Vice Provost of the Office for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars (OGSPS) (for graduate students), or their respective designee.

f. Decision by Dean of Students. Normally, within five University business days following the conclusion of the hearing and any further investigation deemed necessary, the Dean of Students, or in cases involving degree revocation, the Dean of Students and Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning (for undergraduate students) or the Vice Provosts of OGSPS (for graduate students) (or their respective designee), shall review the recommendation of the CSB panel and make the determination as to whether it is more likely than not that the student is responsible for the alleged violation(s) and if so, the appropriate disciplinary outcomes/decisions. The Dean of Students may elect to affirm or modify the recommendations made by the CSB panel. The Dean of Students shall notify the student of the decision. The decision letter shall contain a finding as to the responsibility of the accused student and a brief statement of the reasons for the disciplinary outcomes, if any. Any disciplinary outcome imposed or informal action taken is subject to the provi-

sions of Subsections B(4) and B(5) of these regulations (relating to status during suspension degree deferral or expulsion), as well as any other applicable University rules, regulations, or directives.

- g. Appeal. Subject to the eligibility criteria and procedures set forth in Subsection C(8) of these regulations (Appeal of the Disciplinary Decision), a student may appeal a disciplinary outcome/decision that has been issued by the Dean of Students. Instructions regarding the appeal form and notification of appeals procedures, including the address (which may be an email address) to which the appeal may be submitted, shall be provided in the decision letter if the student is found responsible for the violations.

## **8. Appeal of the Disciplinary Outcome/Decision**

- a. A student may appeal a disciplinary outcome/decision where:
- i. There is significant new information related to the case that was not available at the time of the individual hearing with the Conduct Officer or initial hearing and that would alter the finding and/or disciplinary outcome/decision(s) assigned in the case. The new information must be detailed in an appeal letter with an explanation of why the information was not available at the time of the individual hearing with the Conduct Officer. A student who fails to appear for his/her initial disciplinary proceeding after notice has been sent to his/her University-issued email address will be deemed to have waived the right to present witnesses and relevant information in the student's own behalf and thus foreclosed from presenting "significant new information" on appeal:
  - ii. There is evidence that the University failed to follow established procedures; or
  - iii. The assigned outcome of expulsion, suspension, degree deferral, probated suspension, disciplinary probation, or restrictions, is grossly disproportionate to the violation. Assigned decisions of a written warning and/or educational decisions may not be appealed.
- b. A student involved in alleged academic dishonesty or degree revocation may appeal a disciplinary decision of the OSRR or the Dean of Students to the Provost or designee provided the above appeal criteria has been met. All other appeals of disciplinary decisions by the OSRR or the Dean of Students may be appealed to the VPSL or designee provided the above appeal criteria has been met.
- c. The appeal must be submitted by the student in accordance with the instructions provided and state the specific grounds for the appeal. The appeal must be received by the appropriate appeal officer within five University business days of the date of the decision letter. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the appeal notice is received by the appropriate appeal officer by the specified due date. Disciplinary decisions not properly appealed by such date are deemed final, or in the case of degree revocation, are recommended to the Board of Trustees for final action.
- d. Appeals will be decided solely on the basis of the record of the original proceeding and the written materials provided to support the appeal.
- e. The appeal officer shall review all material pertinent to the case. The appeal officer may affirm the findings and/or decisions, decrease the disciplinary decisions, or remand the case to the original hearing authority for a second hearing. The appeal officer may also, at their discretion remove or add additional educational decisions.

- f. The appeal officer shall notify the student in writing (which may be sent to their University-issued email address) of the outcome of the case, normally within ten University business days of the appeal officer's receipt of the appeal. All decisions of the appeal officer are final, subject only, in the case of a degree revocation, to the final action by the Board of Trustees.

## **9. Summary Action**

- a. Summary action by way of an immediate disciplinary suspension and exclusion from University property may be imposed when the student's continued presence poses a threat to (i) the safety, security, or well-being of members or guests of the University community, (ii) University property, or (iii) the ability of the University to maintain normal operations and carry on its programs, services and activities free of disruption.
- b. Summary action may be taken by the Dean of Students, the VPSL, the Provost, or the President.
- c. During the period of summary action, the student may be denied access to University-owned housing, University property, and classes (whether delivered through on-campus or on-line methods). In addition: (i) the student may be restricted from all other University activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible.
- d. Whenever summary action is taken under this Subsection C(9) of these regulations, the applicable procedures provided for in Subsection C for a hearing and any appeal in the related disciplinary proceeding shall be expedited so far as possible to shorten the period of summary action.
- e. A student subject to summary action may submit a written appeal to the Conduct Officer of record within five University business days of receiving notice of the summary action. The appeal may be accompanied by written evidence, which may include written testimony of witnesses, bearing on the issue of whether summary action is appropriate in the case. The Conduct Officer of record shall make a decision on the appeal normally within five business days following its receipt.
- f. A favorable decision on the appeal shall be limited to lifting or modifying the terms of the summary action and shall not affect the conduct of the hearing and any appeal in the related disciplinary proceeding.

## **D. Community Standards Diversion Program**

1. Purpose. The University's Community Standards Diversion Program presents students who would otherwise be referred to the Community Standards Board an opportunity to have their cases resolved through an alternative adjudication process that allows students to accept responsibility for their behaviors and be disciplined by a sole Conduct Officer in lieu of the more formal Community Standards Board process.
2. Process. At the sole discretion of the Conduct Officer, a student whose case would be referred to the Community Standards Board may be offered a diversion from these formal proceedings.
  - a. In determining whether any alleged violation is eligible for disposition through the Diversion Program, the Conduct Officer may consider:
    - i. The nature and severity of the alleged violation, including any mitigating or aggravating circumstances;

- ii. The student's past conduct record;
  - iii. The likelihood that the student will accept responsibility for the behaviors documented and that the student will benefit from the Diversion and comply with its requirements and;
  - iv. Whether there are specific and tangible actions that the student can take that will correct the violation.
3. Disciplinary proceedings will be initiated as outlined in Section C(3)(a) of these regulations.
4. During the pre-hearing information session, the Conduct Officer, at their sole discretion, may present the student with the option of having their case resolved through the Diversion Program or to have their case forwarded to the Community Standards Board. If a student chooses to have their case forwarded to the Community Standards Board, the case will be resolved as outlined in Section C(7) of these regulations.
5. If a student chooses to have their case resolved through the Diversion Program, the Conduct Officer will provide the student an opportunity to respond to the allegations as outlined in Section C(6)(a) of these regulations. The Conduct Officer may provide the student a reasonable amount of time, normally three to five university business days, to prepare a response to the allegations and to obtain any witness statements for the Conduct Officer to consider.
6. In response to the allegations, the Conduct Officer, normally within three business days, will prepare and present a written Diversion Agreement, which will contain the following:
  - a. The specific disciplinary decisions and/or educational requirements that the student must complete and the deadlines by which they are to be completed;
  - b. Any limitations to campus access pending fulfillment of the requirements of the Diversion Agreement;
  - c. A statement indicating that the student's violation of the Diversion Agreement, including not meeting deadlines of assigned disciplinary outcomes/decisions and/or educational requirements will constitute a violation of B(2)(o) of these regulations; and
  - d. The specific duration of the Diversion Agreement.
7. The student will be given three business days to either accept or reject the terms of the Diversion Agreement. If the student agrees to the terms of the Diversion Agreement, they shall do so in writing by signing the Diversion Agreement. If the student rejects the terms of the Diversion Agreement, their case will be referred to the Community Standards Board for resolution. A student who fails to respond to an offered Diversion Agreement by the prescribed deadline will by default reject the terms of the Diversion Agreement and will have their case referred to the Community Standards Board for resolution.
8. A student who is offered this diversion will be afforded the same procedural rights as described in Section C(5)(b) of these regulations, with the exception of the right to appeal the decision of the Conduct Officer. The decision of the Conduct Officer pursuant to this Section D is final.
9. A student will be eligible for only one CSB Diversion Program during their enrollment at the University.
10. A student who commits a violation of these regulations while subject to the terms of a Diversion Agreement may be disciplined for both the original violation and the subsequent violation.

## E. Student Conduct Records

Student conduct files and records are maintained and controlled by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities within the Office of the Dean of Students. In order to protect the privacy of these records, the OSRR, in conjunction with the Office of Legal Counsel maintains strict policies regarding the review and duplication of these files. Students have the opportunity to review their record in the OSRR. Individuals may not remove, make any copies of files, or photograph any records located in or associated with the OSRR without the explicit permission of the OSRR. Records will not be provided to a student's advisor or other party without the authorization of that student.

Student Conduct records will be maintained by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities in accordance with record retention policies of the University. Student conduct records will be maintained for as long as administratively valuable. Normally, student conduct records will be maintained for a period of seven years from the student's graduation date or from the last semester of enrollment. Student conduct records of students who have been Expelled, Suspended, blocked from reenrollment or in which may result in future litigation will be retained permanently.

Some student conduct records may be sealed for good cause by the Dean of Students and/or designee upon receipt of a written request by the student. Factors to be considered in review of such petitions shall include, but are not limited to:

- the nature of the violation and the severity of any damage, injury or harm resulting from the incident;
- the student's demonstrated understanding of their behavior and its impact;
- the completion of any required disciplinary outcomes/decisions associated with the violation; and
- the behavior of the student following the incident

If a student's conduct record is sealed, the University will not release any information from that record, including the existence thereof, without the written consent of the student or as otherwise required to do so by law.

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## Miscellaneous Conduct Regulations

### A. Guests in Student Residence Units

Within certain University-set limitations, residence units may determine the hours during which guests of the opposite sex may visit individual student rooms in undergraduate residence units. By secret ballot, a majority of the residents of the unit can approve a more restrictive policy. Any resident must be guaranteed his/her privacy, which takes priority over a guest. Individual students wishing to visit friends of the opposite sex in their rooms must do so in conformance with the approved plan in that particular residence unit. Check the guest hours policy posted in the residence unit.

Guest hours for students of the same sex are limited only by the policy of the particular residence unit.

## B. Financial Obligations

Students should make every effort to keep their credit good in the community for their own benefit and that of all students.

Students with past due financial obligations to the University may have a hold placed on their record. (See Scholastic Records, Holds, in Section D.) Degree candidates delinquent in financial obligations must remove such debts at least one week before the close of any term. Otherwise his/her diploma may be withheld, or if the degree is granted without knowledge of such delinquency, the degree may be revoked and the diploma cancelled.

## C. Absence from the University

For emergency purposes, it is important that the University be able to locate students at all times. All students are requested, therefore, to leave information with the office of their University residence unit and the officer of any other unit or at least a roommate when they are off campus and especially if they are going out of town. They are also encouraged to let their parents know when they will be away from campus for out-of-town travel.

## D. Change of Address

Students are required to notify the registrar of any change of campus or home address.

## E. Use of Alcoholic Beverages

1. All Purdue students are responsible for complying with the Indiana state laws. Attention is called to the Indiana Alcoholic Beverages Law that states specifically:
  - a. No person under 21 years of age may use or be in possession of alcoholic beverages.
  - b. Persons 21 or over may not make alcoholic beverages available to minors.
  - c. Misrepresentation of age for the purpose of purchasing alcoholic beverages is a violation of state law.
2. In addition to Indiana state laws, the following University regulations apply:
  - a. The University prohibits the possession, consumption, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages, as defined by state law, in or on any University property, with the following exceptions:

Personal possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are permitted in Purdue Village (family apartments only), resident rooms in Young and Hawkins halls occupied exclusively by graduate students, and by registered occupants of guest rooms in the Union Club and Young and Hawkins halls, subject to compliance with all University regulations and applicable Indiana state laws.

Possession, consumption, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages are permitted, with advance approval by the Executive Vice President and Treasurer or his/her designee, in areas designated by the University and under the supervision of the Purdue Memorial Union or the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, subject to compliance with all University regulations and applicable Indiana state laws.

- b. The University prohibits the serving of alcoholic beverages in any University undergraduate residence hall, and at any function on campus where a majority of attendees are projected by University management to be less than 21 years of age. All policies and procedures regarding

the approval of and funding for a student organizational event must be complied with and completed before a request for service of alcoholic beverages will be considered (Approved by the Board of Trustees, May 31, 1997).

c. Members of recognized fraternities, sororities, and cooperative housing organizations shall be subject to the following conditions concerning the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of their houses.

- Under no circumstances may alcoholic beverages be sold. Alcoholic beverages may not be available at any event where an admission fee is charged.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed outside the house.
- Alcoholic beverages and containers for alcoholic beverages may not be displayed outside the house.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be provided or consumed at any open event. (For purposes of these regulations, an event is open if verbal or written invitations are extended en masse to the general public or to an unreasonable large segment of the campus community [i.e., a number of invited guests greater than a host house can reasonably expect to accommodate, which is determined by the Office of the Dean of Students to be no more than three invited guests for each resident of the host house]. An event is closed if only members of the sponsoring organization[s] and their personally invited guests participate. There may be no more than four organizations participating in an event at a host house, regardless of the aforementioned three-to-one policy.)
- All sponsoring organizations are equally responsible for open and closed events and for compliance with University regulations and applicable laws.

3. See Executive Memorandum C-44, Alcohol and Drug-Free Campus and Workplace Policy (June 12, 1998).

#### F. Use of Motor Vehicles, Bicycles, Skateboards, In-line Skates, and Traffic Regulations

1. Anyone using motor vehicles or bicycles on the West Lafayette Campus is responsible for observing the detailed regulations regarding their use. Copies are available at the Parking Facilities Office. Before considering the use of a vehicle a student should be aware of the following basic regulations:
2. In general, all parking during restricted hours (7 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F) is by permit or in the Grant Street Parking Garage. Some areas and spaces are restricted at all times.
3. All motor vehicle and bicycle operators must comply with state and municipal laws or ordinances.
4. Bicycles are not permitted inside any University building and must be parked in bicycle racks or pads provided for this purpose. (It is recommended that parked bicycles be locked.)
5. Skateboards are prohibited on the north and south academic campuses. Skateboards and in-line skate usage is prohibited on any surface that could be damaged.
6. Operators or owners of vehicles are subject to fines if they are in violation of the motor vehicle or bicycle regulations.

## G. Student Identification Cards

Every student who pays fees is issued a permanent identification card by the ID Card Office. The student identification card permits him/her to attend various events, check books out of the library, access residence halls and dining facilities, establish charge accounts, ride CityBus, etc., where his/her identification as a student is required. These identification cards are University documents and may not be altered in any way. Any defacement or alteration of the identification card is a violation of University regulations and is subject to disciplinary action. The identification card is a personal document and should never be out of its owner's possession. If the identification card is lost, it can be replaced by the ID Card Office. A replacement fee will be charged.

H. All students are subject to University policy V.III, "[Intellectual Property](#)", as amended from time to time.

## I. Use of Copyrighted Materials

All members of the Purdue University community are responsible for complying with the United States Copyright Law and with Purdue University's [Executive Memorandum B-53](#), as amended from time to time, which governs the use of copyrighted works for educational and research purposes.

Copyright is a federal law that protects creative works such as Web sites, CDs, DVDs, audio and visual works, computer programs, books, and journals. Copyright allows authors to control the use of their works for a limited period of time. Authors or the owners of the copyrighted work have exclusive rights to the work. It is their decision as to whether the work can be copied and/or distributed. Violating the copyright owner's rights is considered copyright infringement and may be subject to legal action.

Works are protected for a limited period of time but once that time period has expired, the work becomes part of the public domain. The public can then freely use the works without paying royalties or obtaining permission from the copyright holder.

Works created on or after January 1, 1978, are protected for a term of the life of the author plus 70 years. If the work is a product of a corporate author, then the protection is for the shorter of 95 years from first publication or 120 years from creation. Works that were published prior to 1923 no longer have copyright protection and are in the public domain. Any work created or published from 1923 to the present time should be considered still protected by the copyright law.

There are exemptions to the copyright law that allow use of a work without seeking permission. One of the most utilized exemptions in higher education is the fair use exemption. This exemption is a four factor test that weighs whether the use of a work is fair under certain circumstances. If the use is not fair and no other exemption is applicable to the specific use of the work, then permission from the copyright holder must be granted before the work can be used.

For further information on the copyright law, please visit the University Copyright Office's Web site at [www.lib.purdue.edu/uco](http://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco).

## J. Commercial Note Taking in Classes (University Senate Document 03-9, April 19, 2004.)

As used in this paragraph, the term "instructor" is defined as the individual who authored the material being presented as part of the course.

Among the materials that may be protected by copyright law are the lectures, notes, and other material presented in class or as part of the course. Always assume the materials presented by an instructor are protected by copyright unless the instructor has stated otherwise. Students enrolled in, and authorized visitors to, Purdue University courses are permitted to take notes, which they may use for individual/group study or for other non-commercial purposes reasonably arising from enrollment in the course or the University generally.

Notes taken in class are, however, generally considered to be “derivative works” of the instructor’s presentations and materials, and they are thus subject to the instructor’s copyright in such presentations and materials. No individual is permitted to sell or otherwise barter notes, either to other students or to any commercial concern, for a course without the express written permission of the course instructor. To obtain permission to sell or barter notes, the individual wishing to sell or barter the notes must be registered in the course or must be an approved visitor to the class. Course instructors may choose to grant or not grant such permission at their own discretion, and may require a review of the notes prior to their being sold or bartered. If they do grant such permission, they may revoke it at any time, if they so choose.

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## Commitment to Freedom of Expression

Because Purdue University (the “University”) is committed to free and open inquiry in all matters, it guarantees all members of the University community the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, and learn. Except insofar as limitations on that freedom are necessary to the functioning of the University, the University fully respects and supports the freedom of all members of the University community “to discuss,” in the words of former University of Chicago President Robert M. Hutchins, “any problem that presents itself.”

Of course, the ideas of different members of the University community will often and quite naturally conflict. But it is not the proper role of the University to attempt to shield individuals from ideas and opinions they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive. Although the University greatly values civility, and although all members of the University community share in the responsibility for maintaining a climate of mutual respect, concerns about civility and mutual respect can never be used as a justification for closing off discussion of ideas, however offensive or disagreeable those ideas may be to some members of our community.

The freedom to debate and discuss the merits of competing ideas does not, of course, mean that individuals may say whatever they wish, wherever they wish. The University may restrict expression, for example, that violates the law, that falsely defames a specific individual, that constitutes a genuine threat or harassment, that unjustifiably invades substantial privacy or confidentiality interests, or that is otherwise directly incompatible with the functioning of the University. In addition, the University may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the University. But these are narrow exceptions to the general principle of freedom of expression, and it is vitally important that these exceptions never be used in a manner that is inconsistent with the University’s commitment to a completely free and open discussion of ideas.

In a word, the University’s fundamental commitment is to the principle that debate or deliberation may not be suppressed because the ideas put forth are thought by some or even by most members of the University community to be offensive, unwise, immoral, or wrong-headed. It is for the individual members

of the University community, not for the University as an institution, to make those judgments for themselves, and to act on those judgments not by seeking to suppress speech, but by openly and vigorously contesting the ideas that they oppose. Indeed, fostering the ability of members of the University community to engage in such debate and deliberation in an effective and responsible manner is an essential part of the University's educational mission.

As a corollary to the University's commitment to protect and promote free expression, members of the University community must also act in conformity with the principle of free expression. Although members of the University community are free to criticize and contest the views expressed on campus, and to criticize and contest speakers who are invited to express their views on campus, they may not obstruct or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views they reject or even loathe. To this end, the University has a solemn responsibility not only to promote a lively and fearless freedom of debate and deliberation, but also to protect that freedom when others attempt to restrict it.

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## Statement of Integrity and Code of Conduct

### Preamble

Purdue University has a tradition of ethical conduct spanning its history. As a land-grant institution, we demonstrate our responsiveness to our constituencies and extend to them access to our knowledge resources. We nurture relationships with other partners in education who support our vision or join us to foster common interests. We integrate our mission with our responsibilities. We contribute our knowledge resources impartially in serving our public purposes. As faculty, students, staff, and administrators, we are a community of dedicated learners, scholars, professionals, and practitioners - all contributing our talents to uphold our standards, and improve ourselves and the broader community in which we live and work. Our responsibilities and obligations toward the advancement of learning, discovery, and engagement in the University and in Indiana extend to our nation and the world. This statement of integrity is meant to provide an overarching declaration that informs specific policies and procedures regarding conduct, enforcement, and accountability. Such policies and procedures either exist in official University documents or will be developed as necessary.

### Statement

At Purdue, integrity is indispensable to our mission. We act with honesty and adhere to the highest standards of moral and ethical values and principles through our personal and professional behavior. We demonstrate our understanding of these values and principles and uphold them in every action and decision. Trust and trustworthiness go hand in hand with how we conduct ourselves, as we sustain a culture that is based upon ethical conduct. We expect our actions to be consistent with our words, and our words to be consistent with our intentions. We accept our responsibilities, share leadership in a democratic spirit, and subject ourselves to the highest standards of public trust. We hold ourselves accountable for our words and our actions.

We champion freedom of expression. To ensure our integrity, we safeguard academic freedom, open inquiry, and debate in the best interests of education, enrichment, and our personal and professional development. We embrace human and intellectual diversity and inclusiveness. We uphold the highest standards of fairness, act as responsible citizens, respect equality and the rights of others, and treat all individuals with dignity.

To fulfill our goals as a learning community, we insist that the objectives of student learning are not compromised. We treat all students equitably, and our evaluations of learning achievements are impartial based on demonstrated academic performance. As students, we understand that learning is the most important goal and we embrace ethical values and principles, and reject academic dishonesty in all our learning endeavors. In the realm of new discoveries, we place the highest value upon truth and accuracy. We acknowledge the contributions of others. We place a higher value on expanding and sharing knowledge than on recognition or ownership.

We work diligently drawing from the strong work ethic of our state of Indiana and are committed to always acting in the best interests of the University. We pledge to make wise use of our resources and to be good stewards of financial, capital, and human resources. We operate within the letter and spirit of the law and prescribed policies, and strive to avoid impropriety or conflict of interest.

As members of the Purdue community, we demonstrate unyielding and uncompromised integrity in support of the highest standards of excellence for the University. As individuals, we all contribute to this Purdue standard of integrity as an exemplary model for all universities.

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## Statement of Values

### **We Are Purdue**

Boilermakers, who are we?

We are a family that embodies integrity through the practice of honesty, humility, and accountability.

We are a unified community that respects each other by embracing diversity, promoting inclusion, and encouraging freedom of thought and speech.

We are innovators discovering new ideas and solutions that will foster a positive global impact.

We are honored to share our long-lasting traditions instilling a legacy of loyalty and pride within ourselves and others.

We are determined to build ourselves and our community, always One Brick Higher.

We are ever grateful ever true, WE are ONE PURDUE!

### **Six Pillars of Purdue**

INTEGRITY, RESPECT, HONOR, INCLUSION, INNOVATION, GROWTH

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Purdue University Student Disability Grievance Procedures

[Requesting and Implementing Curricular Accommodations](#)

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