The Discipline Process:  
Non-Academic Violations

This is not an official statement of The University of Texas at Austin’s discipline policies and procedures. The official policies are stated in the General Information catalog, Appendix C, Chapter 11, available online at deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs.

Report of suspected violation of The University of Texas at Austin’s Institutional Rules

Office of the Dean of Students (DoS) staff meet with student

- DoS staff may investigate the matter further OR
- DoS staff may determine there is no finding of violation OR
- DoS staff may determine that evidence supports a finding of violation and propose an appropriate sanction.

- If proposed sanction does not include suspension from the University, suspension of rights and privileges, or expulsion, the case will be resolved with an Administrative Disposition. OR
- If proposed sanction includes suspension from the University, suspension of rights and privileges, or expulsion, the case may be resolved via either an Administrative Disposition OR a Hearing.

Student must choose one of two options to resolve the case:

- Accept an Administrative Disposition while retaining the right to appeal the sanction.
- Dispute the findings at a Hearing.

Student is informed of DoS decision regarding finding of violation and sanction via Administrative Disposition.

- Student may choose not to dispute the findings and sanction. The Administrative Disposition is final.
- Student may choose to dispute both the findings and sanction by appealing the Administrative Disposition to the University president or his/her designee. The appeal must be submitted within 14 days from the date the student was notified of the findings and sanction.

Appeal of findings and sanction of Administrative Disposition

For cases where the sanction does not include suspension from the University, suspension of rights and privileges, or expulsion

- University president or his/her designee may approve, reject, or modify the findings and/or sanction of the Administrative Disposition.

Hearing before a University Hearing Officer

For cases where the sanction includes suspension from the University, suspension of rights and privileges, or expulsion

- To accept an Administrative Disposition, student must waive his/her right to a Hearing.
- Within 14 days of accepting the Administrative Disposition, student may appeal only the sanction to the University president.

- Hearing officer may dismiss the case or may find the student in violation of the Institutional Rules and impose an appropriate sanction.
- Within 14 days of the hearing officer’s decision, student may appeal the decision to the university president.

Appeal of sanction only of Administrative Disposition

For cases where the sanction includes suspension from the University, suspension of rights and privileges, or expulsion

- University president may approve, reject, or modify the sanction of the Administrative Disposition.

Appeal of findings and sanction of Hearing Officer’s decision

- University president may approve, reject or modify the findings and/or sanction of the hearing officer’s decision.

Records kept on file in the Office of the Dean of Students

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