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Introduction

Who We Are
Student Judicial Services (SJS) in the Office of the Dean of Students promotes academic integrity and standards of conduct for the University community. SJS is also responsible for investigating alleged violations of the University’s Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities (Issue Number 2012/9) and for implementing the discipline process. Additionally, we conduct record checks and certifications, are available to make presentations for students, staff, and faculty, and print publications related to academic integrity and the rights and responsibilities of University community members.

Our Mission Statement
Student Judicial Services strives to support the educational mission of The University of Texas at Austin by upholding University standards of student conduct and academic integrity through a fair and objective process.

By fostering self-reflection, promoting civility, and encouraging personal responsibility, Student Judicial Services strives to ensure a safe and healthy campus community.

Student Judicial Services demonstrates its commitment to the principles of due process and to the principles of student rights and responsibilities through ongoing outreach, continual education, and thorough case management.

Statement of Principles
Student Judicial Services strives to assure a fair and objective process consistent with the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities of The University of Texas at Austin as well as other due process requirements.

Student Judicial Services strives to uphold the high behavioral and academic standards articulated in the Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities of The University of Texas at Austin.

Student Judicial Services strives to hold students accountable for their actions and to address all behavioral concerns with students in a manner that fosters self-reflection, a greater awareness of their obligations within the larger communities to which they belong, and a greater sense of
the personal responsibility they have for their choices, the consequences of those choices, and the direction of their lives.

Student Judicial Services strives to handle all matters with which it is charged in as efficient a manner as possible, making best use of limited time and human resources so that all behavioral concerns are addressed in a timely fashion without undue delay. Student Judicial Services recognizes that conduct standards are most effective when unacceptable behavior is addressed swiftly.

**Our Process**

SJS receives referrals pertaining to alleged violations of the *Institutional Rules* from various University departments and offices such as the University of Texas Police Department, Recreational Sports, the Division of Housing & Food Service, and faculty, staff, students, and community members. Academic integrity cases are resolved through the University’s judicial process by SJS staff, faculty, or hearing officers, and SJS staff or hearing officers resolve non-academic matters.

For additional information on SJS responsibilities, refer to “Student Discipline and Conduct” in the *General Information* catalog, Appendix C, Chapter 11, or visit the SJS web site at http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/.

Student Judicial Services is located in the Office of the Dean of Students in suite 4.104 of the Student Services Building, 100 West Dean Keeton Street. If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to call our office at 512-471-2841.
Academic Year Summary

In this report you will find information pertaining to all referrals received by SJS of alleged violations of the University’s Institutional Rules during the 2012-2013 academic year. The data used to prepare this report was compiled from our case records. In addition, we include demographic data (e.g. college, gender, and ethnicity) that was obtained from The University of Texas at Austin’s Student Information System.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, SJS received a total of 1,439 referrals for alleged violations of the University’s Institutional Rules. A total of 52,186 students were enrolled at the University during the 2012-2013 academic year, and 1,307 (2.50%) students were referred for alleged violations of the University’s Institutional Rules. Some students were referred more than once for alleged violations of the University’s Institutional Rules. The largest numbers of referrals were for students enrolled in the College of Natural Sciences (24.10%), College of Liberal Arts (17.44%), School of Business (14.77%), and School of Engineering (13.54%). However, it must be noted that the College of Natural Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, School of Business, and School of Engineering had the highest percentage of students enrolled for the 2012-2013 academic year. The College of Natural Sciences enrolled 22.16% of the student population for the 2012-2013 academic year, while the College of Liberal Arts enrolled 19.16%, the School of Business enrolled 10.09%, and the School of Engineering enrolled 14.71%.

The largest numbers of referrals were received during the months of November (83 non-academic, 123 academic, and 3 informational), December (74 non-academic and 104 academic), April (84 non-academic, 108 academic, and 1 informational), and May (44 non-academic, 141 academic, and 8 informational). Of 1,439 referrals, a total of 14 referrals were closed as “Informational” due to insufficient evidence to conduct an investigation. Of 1,425 referrals, 780 were non-academic cases and 645 were academic integrity cases. SJS staff resolved 1,081 cases administratively. Faculty members resolved a total of 335 academic integrity cases via the University’s Faculty Disposition disciplinary process. The remaining nine cases were resolved via a University hearing. Of nine hearings, four were for non-academic cases and five for academic integrity cases.

Of 780 non-academic cases, five were Title IX reports made by Complainants. A total of 405 cases were closed without taking disciplinary action. The remaining 370 non-academic cases were for violations of the Institutional Rules on alcohol (223), drugs (53), law (20), administrative rules (13), judicial process related (13), falsifying academic records (11), safety
concerns (9), disruptive or inappropriate conduct (8), providing false or withholding information (8), theft or damage of property (8), harassment (2), abuse of IT resources (1), and sexual misconduct (1).

A total of 645 academic integrity cases were resolved by SJS staff or via a hearing process. Of 645 cases, 31 were closed without taking disciplinary action. The remaining 614 cases were for violations of the Institutional Rules on cheating (314), plagiarism (136), collusion (116), academic dishonesty (32), obstruction of the judicial process (9), misrepresenting facts (6), and falsifying academic records (1).

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