1.0  The University is committed to providing a fulfilling and rewarding learning experience that enables students to achieve their full academic potential. This commitment is underpinned by an expectation that all members of the University will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the University’s mission. All students are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner that fosters a learning environment in which the rights, dignity, worth and freedom of each member of the academic community is respected. A University conduct code for students is an effective mechanism to address student behavior.

2.0  The University will have a Student Conduct Code that applies to students and student organizations and addresses conduct that occurs on and off campus. Such Conduct Code will also include a separate process for academic misconduct. Students shall be afforded appropriate due process in the resolution of any allegation(s) of violations of the Student Conduct Code. Students found responsible for violations are subject to sanctions which, in more serious cases, may include removal from student housing or suspension or expulsion from the University.

3.0  Separate guidelines will also be established for student organizations and university housing.

4.0  The President and Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs shall ensure that employees responsible for administering the Conduct Code and/or guidelines are trained regularly.

5.0  The University may hold students accountable for a violation of the behavioral proscriptions contained in the Student Conduct Code. The Student Conduct Code shall focus on the following objectives:

5.1  The University’s responsibility for ensuring members of the University full and equal opportunity to obtain their educational objectives.

5.2  The University’s responsibility to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Persons in the University community.
5.3 The University’s academic integrity.

5.4 The University’s image and reputation.

6.0 Violations of the Student Conduct Code include those activities that interfere with either the University’s primary educational responsibility of ensuring the opportunity of all members of the University community to attain their educational objectives; or the University’s commitments to community, maintaining and protecting property, keeping records, providing living accommodations and other services, and sponsoring non-classroom activities such as, but not limited to, lectures, concerts, athletic events, and social functions:

6.1 Conduct that interferes with the educational mission of the University.

6.2 Conduct that endangers the health and safety of others.

6.3 Sexual misconduct.

6.4 Misusing or destroying University property or property of others.

6.5 Conduct that interferes with the Student Conduct Code process.

7.0 The Student Conduct Code and any revisions will be effective upon approval of the President.

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