

Revisions to the University Policies for Student Life Code of Conduct

Policy Memorandum No. 186

Approved by Commission on Student Affairs: April 2, 1998

Approved by University Council: April 20, 1998

Approved by the President: April 20, 1998

Approved by the Board of Visitors: April 27, 1998

Effective Date: Immediately

The University Council on recommendation of the Commission on Student Affairs, unanimously approved a resolution concerning revisions to the University Policies for Student Life Code of Conduct.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council.

WHEREAS, the section of the Student Code of Conduct dealing with the policy regarding "Abusive, Disorderly, or Obscene Conduct" has been reviewed by a task force consisting of members from the faculty, administration, and the student body and appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs at the request of the President of the University; and

WHEREAS, this task force has found the existing policy to lack clarity and to include language which may not be legally enforceable;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Student Code of Conduct be revised so that the policy "Abusive, Disorderly, or Obscene Conduct" is replaced by the following:

Abusive Conduct

Any words or acts which cause physical injury, or threaten any individual, or interfere with any individual's rightful actions. This includes but is not limited to the following:

Assault: Words or actions that would cause an individual reason to fear for his or her immediate safety. Words can constitute assault when they are accompanied by the ability to inflict immediate harm.

Battery: The use of physical force against an individual.

Sexual harassment: Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature, under certain circumstances. (See Section V.i., "Sexual Harassment")

Sexual misconduct: Sexual contact without consent. (See Section V.o, "Sexual Misconduct")

Disorderly Conduct

Behavior that disrupts or interferes with the orderly functioning of the university, disturbs the peace, or interferes with the performance of the duties of university personnel.

Public nudity

Any act of public nudity, including but not limited to streaking, mooning, and public urination.

PET:sws

President's Policy Memorandum

URL: <http://purl.vt.edu/vtdocs/policies/ppm186>