Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

Seconded Motion: Repeal of Outdated Policies Relating to Student Conduct

Whereas, the University of Oregon (UO) community benefits from having a clear and well-organized body of policy, especially as it pertains to expectations and guidelines regarding student conduct;

Whereas, having outdated and unnecessary policies in the Policy Library only adds to potential confusion;

Whereas, clear articulation of the role of the Board of Trustees (Board), the administration, students and the faculty with respect to student conduct is important and already exists in Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), the UO’s Policy on the Retention and Delegation of Authority (RDA), and the Student Conduct Code;

Whereas, Oregon law stipulates that the Board is responsible for “policies and practices relating to...student conduct” (ORS 352.107(q)) and that the “president and professors constitute the faculty and as such have the immediate government and discipline of a university with a governing board and the students therein, except as otherwise provided by law or action of the governing board” (ORS 352.146);

Whereas, the RDA references ORS 352.146, and further stipulates that the “Board has the authority to establish written standards of student conduct in consultation with the President, faculty and students” (UO Policy I.01.01 § 1.5) and that, “[s]ubject to Board action, the President is responsible for development and administration of University policies and rules governing the role of students and their conduct,” taking into account the views of students, faculty, and others (UO Policy I.01.01 § 3.5);

Whereas UO Policy 5.00.02, attached hereto as Exhibit A, existed prior to the governance transition and is now in conflict with superseding UO policy and contains outdated statutory and administrative rule references;

Whereas, the UO inherited Internal Management Directive (IMD) 1.130, attached hereto as Exhibit B, from the Oregon State Board of Higher Education on July 1, 2014, and IMD 1.130 is no longer necessary or applicable as its content is governed by state law and prior delegations of authority; and,

Whereas, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee has referred this matter to the full Board as a seconded motion, recommending passage;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon hereby RESOLVES that UO Policy 5.00.02 and IMD 1.130 be repealed effective immediately.

VOTE: Voice Vote Recorded – Ayes carried (no dissention)

DATE: December 3, 2015

Recorded by the University Secretary: 

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Reason for Policy
To describe the intent and identify the location of the full text of institutional policies, rules, and regulations governing the role of students and their conduct at the University of Oregon.

Entities Affected by this Policy
Students and those responsible for enforcing and administering the Code.

Web Site Address for this Policy
http://policies.uoregon.edu/policy/by/1/05-students/student-conduct-code

Responsible Office
For questions about this policy, please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 541-345-3215.

Enactment & Revision History
10/27/2010 Reviewed and updated
02/08/2010 Policy number revised from 5.000 to 05.00.02
10/04/1985 Reviewed and approval recommended by President's Staff
09/01/1973 Promulgated as OAR 571-21-005 et seq.

Policy
The University of Oregon has promulgated a Student Conduct Code which contains important regulations, policies, and procedures pertaining to student life. It is intended to inform students and members of the University community who work with them of students' rights and responsibilities during their association with the institution and to provide general guidance for enforcing those regulations and policies essential to the educational and research missions of the University.

Administration of these rules is the responsibility of the faculty (see OPS 352.010) acting independently or in conjunction with the Vice President for Student Affairs or with the Dean of Students and the Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards. All faculty and administrative staff should be familiar with the Student Conduct Code.

The full terms and conditions of the Student Conduct Code are contained in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 571, Division 21 - University of Oregon.

Highlights of the Student Conduct Code are published on the Dean of Students website.

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INTERNAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES

The University of Oregon assumed management of the following Internal Management Directive from the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and Office of the Chancellor on July 1, 2014.

Authority and Responsibility of Institution Presidents

1.130 Responsibility for Student Conduct and Discipline

(1) The President is responsible for development and administration of institutional policies and rules governing the role of students and their conduct. In carrying out this responsibility, the President shall take into account the views of students, faculty, and others.

(2) Institutional rules shall establish guidelines for student conduct which set forth prohibited conduct and provide for appropriate disciplinary hearings and sanctions for violations of institutional rules, consistent with standards of procedural fairness.

(3) The Board recognizes and affirms the importance of active student involvement in the deliberative and decision-making processes.