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Code of Student Life Violations

Any action by a student that constitutes a violation of the UND Code of Student Life (COSL) (i.e. “behavior that poses a threat of danger and/or injury to self or others, destruction of property, physical assault, sexual misconduct, possession of, or involvement in the sale of, drugs and/or weapons, false emergency reporting, repeat violations of the *Code*, non-compliance with sanctions imposed through the Administrative Student Conduct Process, bias-motivated offenses, interfering, and/or disrupting University activities and/or educational processes”) will be referred to the Office of Student Services and the process for conduct violation followed as outlined in the COSL.

Dismissal from the Nursing Program

- Although academic performance may lead to dismissal from the nursing program, the dismissal itself is not considered an academic circumstance for which a grievance or petition can be submitted.
- Dismissal or denial of admission based on conduct violations, clinical behavior deficiencies and/or background check discrepancies are not considered academic circumstances for which a grievance can be submitted.

Academic Circumstances

Students have the right to appeal an unresolved academic grievance. The term “academic grievance” is defined as: a statement expressing a complaint, resentment, or accusation lodged by a student about an academic circumstance (such as grading, testing, or quality of instruction) which is thought by the student to be **unfair**. (UND Code of Student Life Appendix B).

A student may grieve an academic circumstance after completion of the steps outlined in Procedure 236a (Resolution of Student Academic Issues). The student is responsible for initiating the grievance procedure by submitting a completed Student Grievance Statement (Form 237c) within 10 business days from the day the unresolved issue was discussed with the Course Coordinator, Track Director and/or Chair.

Once the grievance procedure is initiated, a Student Special Appeals Board shall be established for the purpose of hearing appeals from students who have an unresolved academic grievance.

The Student Special Appeals Board shall be appointed by the Dean or designee to hear the student appeal, and shall be composed of three full-time faculty members from the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines. A staff administrative assistant will also be appointed. Members are responsible for reviewing all aspects related to an appeal, including all pertinent nursing policies and materials submitted by all parties named in the Student Grievance Statement.

Student Special Appeals Board appointees who have a conflict of interest with the particular student or appeal, may not participate in that appeal. The Dean or designee may relieve an appointee should it be shown that a conflict of interest exists. In the event this should occur, a new member will be appointed.

The procedure for the Academic Grievance procedure is outlined in Procedure 237a. The protocol for the Student Special Appeals Board Hearing is outlined in Procedure 237b. Business day is defined as any day Monday through Friday in which the University is open to conduct business.

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