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The Chancellor shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline on students in accordance with the requirements for due process of the federal and state law and regulations.

The procedures shall clearly define the conduct that is subject to discipline, and shall identify potential disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student.

The Board of Trustees shall consider any recommendation from the Chancellor for expulsion. The Board of Trustees shall consider an expulsion recommendation in closed session unless the student requests that the matter be considered in a public meeting. Final action by the Board on the expulsion shall be taken at a public meeting.

The procedures shall be made widely available to students through the college catalog and other means.

A student enrolling in one of the Los Angeles Community Colleges may rightfully expect that the faculty and administrators of the Colleges will maintain an environment in which there is freedom to learn. This requires that there be appropriate conditions and opportunities in the classroom and on the campus. As members of the college community, students should be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment, to engage in the sustained and independent search for truth, and to exercise their rights to free inquiry and free speech in a responsible, non-violent manner. In the furtherance of the students' interest in free inquiry and the search for truth, it is also important that students be able to hear the views of non-students and engage in the free exchange of ideas with nonstudents.

All persons shall respect and obey civil and criminal law, and shall be subject to legal penalties for violation of laws of the city, county, state and nation. All persons shall respect and obey the rules, regulations and policies of the Los Angeles Community College District. Conduct in all of the Los Angeles Community Colleges must conform to District and college rules and regulations. Violations of such rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action depending on the individual's status as student, faculty, staff or visitor. Violations of such rules and regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Willful disobedience to directions of college officials acting in the performance of their duties.
- 2. Violation of college rules and regulations, including those concerning student organizations, the use of college facilities, or the time, place and manner of public expression or distribution of materials.
- 3. Dishonesty, such as cheating or knowingly furnishing false information to the colleges.
- 4. Unauthorized entry to or use of the college facilities.
- 5. Forgery, alteration or misuse of college documents, records or identification.
- 6. Obstruction or disruption of classes, administration, disciplinary procedures or authorized college activities.
- 7. Theft of or damage to property belonging to the college, a member of the college community or a campus visitor.
- 8. The malicious or willful disturbance of the peace or quiet of any of the Los Angeles Community Colleges by loud or unusual noise or any threat, challenge to fight, fight, or violation of any rules of conduct as set forth in this Article. Any person whose conduct violates this section shall be considered to have interfered with the peaceful conduct of the activities of the college where such acts are committed.
- Assault or battery, abuse or any threat of force or violence directed toward any member of the college community or campus visitor engaged in authorized activities.
- 10. Any possession of controlled substances which would constitute a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11350 or Business and Professions Code section 4230, any use of controlled substances the possession of which are prohibited by the same, or any possession or use of alcoholic beverages while on any property owned or used by the District or colleges of the District or while participating in any District or college-sponsored function or field trip. "Controlled substances," as used in this section, include but are not limited to the following drugs and narcotics:
 - 1. opiates, opium and opium derivatives
 - 2. mescaline
 - 3. hallucinogenic substances
 - 4. peyote
 - 5. marijuana
 - 6. stimulants and depressants
 - 7. cocaine
- 11. Possession, while on a college campus or at a college-sponsored function, of any object that might be used as a lethal weapon is forbidden all persons except sworn peace officers, police officers and other governmental employees charged with policing responsibilities.
- 12. Behavior while on a college campus or at a college-sponsored function, inconsistent with the District's Non-discrimination Policy, which requires that all programs and activities of the Los Angeles Community College District be operated in a manner which is free of "Prohibited Discrimination," defined as discrimination or harassment in violation of state or federal law on the basis of actual or perceived ethnic group identification, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, sex (including gender-based sexual harassment), pregnancy, marital status, cancer-

related medical condition of an employee, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, or veteran status.

- 13. Any assemblage of two or more persons to 1) do an unlawful act, or 2) do a lawful act in a violent, boisterous or tumultuous manner.
- 14. Any agreement between two or more persons to perform illegal acts.
- 15. A direct or implied expression of intent to inflict physical or mental/emotional harm and/or actions, such as stalking, which a reasonable person would perceive as a threat to personal safety or property. Threats may include verbal statement, written statements, telephone threats or physical threats.
- 16. Conduct which may be considered disorderly includes; lewd or indecent attire or behavior that disrupts classes or college activities; breach of the peace of the college; aiding, or inciting another person to breach the peace of college premises or functions.
- 17. Theft or abuse of computer resources including but not limited to:
 - 1. Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose.
 - 2. Unauthorized transfer of a file.
 - 3. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification and password.
 - 4. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of a student faculty member or college official, or to alter college or district records.
 - 5. Use of unlicensed software.
 - 6. Unauthorized copying of software.
 - 7. Use of computing facilities to access, send or engage in messages which are obscene, threatening, defamatory, present a clear and present danger, violate a lawful regulation and/or substantially disrupt the orderly operation of a college campus.
 - 8. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the regular operation of the college or district computing system.
- 18. Conduct while present on a college campus or at a location operated and/or controlled by the District or at a District-sponsored event, which is prohibited by local, State, or federal law.
- 19. Violations of Academic Integrity include, but are not limited to, the following actions: cheating on an exam, plagiarism, working together on an assignment, paper or project when the instructor has specifically stated students should not do so, submitting the same term paper to more than one instructor, or allowing another individual to assume one's identity for the purpose of enhancing one's grade.
- 20. Every person who, by physical force, willfully obstructs, or attempts to obstruct, any student or teacher seeking to attend or instruct classes at any of the campuses or facilities owned, controlled or administered by the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District, is punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment in a county jail not exceed one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. As used in this section, "physical force" includes, but is not limited to, use of one's person, individually or in concert with others, to impede access to or movement within or otherwise to obstruct the students or teachers of the classes to which the premises are devoted.
- 21. Every person who attempts to cause, or causes, any officer or employee of any of the Los Angeles Community Colleges or any public officer or employee to do or refrain from doing, any act in the performance of his/her duties, by means of a threat to inflict any injury upon any person or property, is guilty of a public offense.

- 22. Every parent, guardian, or other person who assaults or abuses any instructor employed by the District in the presence or hearing of a community college student or in the presence of other community college personnel or students and at a place which is on District premises or public sidewalks, streets, or other public ways adjacent to school premises, or at some other place where the instructor is required to be in connection with assigned college activities is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 23. Conduct which poses a threat of harm to the individual and/or to others. This includes, but is not limited to, the following types of conduct:
 - 1. Unsafe conduct in connection with a Health Services Program (e.g., Nursing, Dental Hygiene, etc.);
 - 2. Failure to follow safety directions of District and/or College staff;
 - 3. Willful disregard of safety rules as adopted by the District and/or College; and/or
 - 4. Negligent behavior which creates an unsafe environment.
- LegalACCJC Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10Education Code Sections 66300 and 66301Cross ReferencesAP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances.
AP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct
 - AP 3435 Discrimination and Harassment Complaints and Investigations
 - AP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment
 - BP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment
 - AP 3410 Nondiscrimination
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