Student Conduct 2017 – 2018 Review

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Who IS this guy?!

- Dave Hill, Director
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What Can I Do for You?

- Advise or hear academic misconduct cases
- Advise or hear conduct cases
- Advise or respond to Title IX cases
- Advise or respond to BIT cases
- Provide conduct statistics



The Mission

We educate students, faculty, and staff regarding university conduct policies, conduct processes, and student rights and responsibilities. We manage student conduct processes fairly in order to support UT Tyler's mission.



How I Know Stuff

- UPD sends us a report
- RAs send us a report
- Faculty send us a report
- To send a report, contact me directly, or use the form at this site: http://www.uttyler.edu/judicialaffairs/



What I Do:

- Meetings!
 - Administrative meeting
 - Full conduct hearing
- Appeal
- Sanction follow ups
- BIT follow ups

- Maintain conduct records through Maxient database
- Title IX investigations and adjudication
- Education on policies and processes
- Outreach to faculty, staff, and student groups



Conduct Processes

Administrative Meeting	Hearing	Appeal
Informal process	Formal process	Written process
Usually 1 on 1	Student, Hearing Officer, me, and witnesses	Currently decided by Interim VP of Student Affairs
Student may bring witnesses and supporting evidence	Student may bring witnesses and supporting evidence	Comparatively rare, maybe 5% of cases
Student may appeal outcome	Student may appeal outcome	Very rare in academic misconduct
Most cases (90%+) go through this process	Only used for suspension, expulsion, or academic cases	Any case may be appealed but most only appeal sanction
Most students don't contest the charge	Fewer than 1 per month	Only one appeal allowed per case



Academic Misconduct

- I typically see 30 cases or so per year. There is <u>no way</u> that they are the only ones that happen
- Most of the cases involve plagiarism
 - Many of these appear to be cases of students not knowing how to cite properly
- Most of them are handled at the faculty level
- Most common sanctions are failing grade on assignment ($\sim 2/3$) and failing grade in course ($\sim 1/3$)



Typical Academic Sanctions

- Warning
- Re-submit assignment (possibly for reduced credit)
- Failing or reduced grade for assignment
- Failing or reduced grade for course

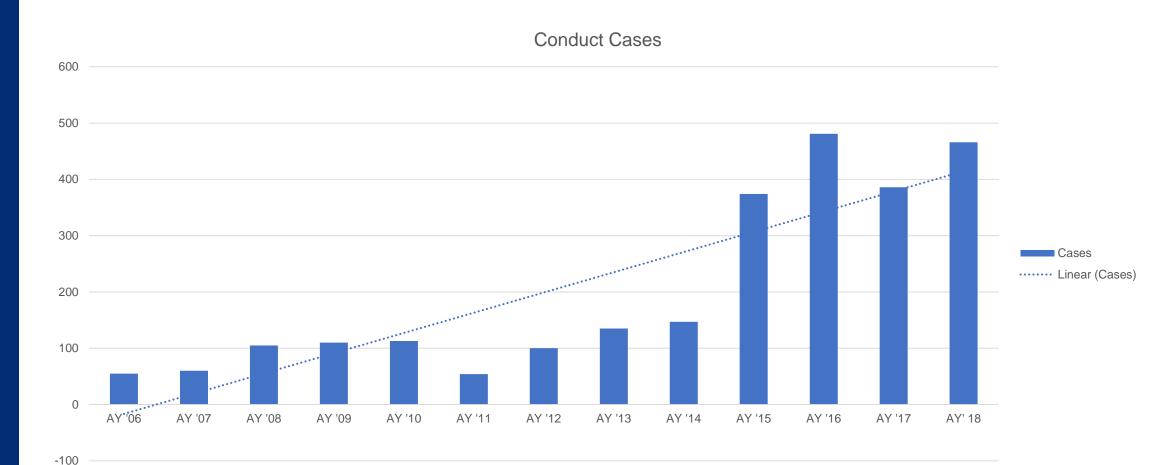


Previous Years in Conduct...

- Average number of individual students charged through the code WAS about 100 per year through about 2012 or so.
- '15 '16 is the busiest year, with 481 students
- '17 '18, we had 466, so we'll likely stay in this range
- Average number of organizations charged ... fewer than 1 per year



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- What policies are violated most often?
 - Alcohol
 - Drugs
 - Academic misconduct
 - Noise (housing)
 - Harassment



Title IX

- Reporting pretty much everyone is a mandatory reporter
- 23 Title IX reports filed last year
- Ranged from infrequent and unwelcome electronic contact to rape
- Can report online or by contacting me, UPD, HR, Dean of Students or Title IX office



Behavior Intervention Team

- BIT is made up of at least one staff member from UPD, Conduct, Dean of Students, Counseling, Academic Success, and Residence Life
- Can address behavior that is unusual and/or concerning, and that may or may not appear to be a violation or threat.
- 108 BIT reports filed last year involving 121 students of concern
- Common outcomes: welfare check, referral to Student Services, referral to Conduct



What's New?

- More severe BIT cases
 - Suicide threats up from 8 or 9 in 2016-17 to 18 in 2017-18
 - Suicide attempts up from 4 in 2016-17 to 8 in 2017-18
- More drug cases up from 49 in 2016-17 to 61 in 2017-18
- More academic misconduct cases up from 13 incidents in 2016 to 53 in 2017-18 (maybe up to 75 students charged)



What Can You Do?

- Tell your colleagues about me
- Tell your bosses about me
- Invite me to your meetings
- Contact me if you have an issue or concern
- Become a hearing officer



Questions?

