

BP 3-5: Student Code of Conduct

DCC BOARD POLICY 3-5

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REFERENCES:

Being a student at Dawson Community College (DCC) presupposes a commitment to responsible citizenship and to the ideals of integrity and fairness. The Board recognizes the need for a code of student conduct which identifies appropriate conduct and sanctions for misconduct and which protects both the rights of students accused of misconduct, as well as the rights of survivors of such misconduct.

Pursuant to the above principles, the Board of Trustees confirms its commitment to the establishment of a fair code of student conduct and fair and expeditious procedures for the implementation of disciplinary sanctions pursuant to that code of conduct. In furtherance of this commitment, the Board directs and authorizes the DCC administration to develop and maintain a student conduct code for the students of DCC with fair procedures for the implementation of sanctions under that code. The code should address the expectations for appropriate conduct, rights of the parties involved, the imposition of discipline and appeal procedures, and the confidentiality of disciplinary proceedings and sanctions. Such procedures may include sanctions against individual students and student groups and may include the disciplinary sanctions of suspension and expulsion. The Division of Student Affairs shall be responsible for the procedural administration of the code.

For purposes of this Code, a "student" means any person who is enrolled and pursuing undergraduate studies, whether full-time or part-time, or engaged in campus activities.

In addition to compliance with this Code, students remain responsible for compliance with the civil and criminal laws of Montana and the United States and may be disciplined for violation of the law.

JURISDICTION OF DAWSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Generally, DCC jurisdiction is limited to conduct occurring on College premises or at College-sponsored activities. However, DCC's jurisdiction extends to any situation in which off-campus conduct disrupts the college environment, interferes with student learning, and/or threatens the health and safety of any member of the campus community. Application of this Code to off-campus offenses is subject to procedures adopted by the DCC administration in accordance with this policy.

DCC may pursue enforcement of its rules whether or not criminal proceedings are in process and may use information from third party sources, such as law enforcement agencies and the courts, to determine whether College rules have been broken and the discipline that should be imposed.

SCOPE This policy applies to Dawson Community College.

PROCEDURES The College President shall promulgate such procedures as may be needed to implement this policy.

History: 07/25/2005