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GENERAL STUDENT CONDUCT REGULATIONS

1. This section establishes the rules and regulations all students of USCB are expected to follow under the duties and corollary powers inherent in educational institutions to protect their educational purposes through the setting of standards of student conduct and scholarship and through the regulation of the use of University facilities.
2. Students have a right to expect enforcement of these rules and regulations. The University also has the right to expect students to abide by them as befits the responsibilities of students as members of the University community. Knowledge of these rules and regulations can prove beneficial to students in utilizing and protecting their guarded rights. It is important to add, however, that unfamiliarity with institutional regulations or rules is no ground for excusing infractions.
3. The University may take disciplinary action for a violation of the Non-Academic Code of Conduct when the offense takes place on University premises or at University-sponsored, -endorsed, -supported or -related events which occur off campus. The University may also take disciplinary action for off-campus offenses that are not related to the University when failure to do so is likely to interfere with the educational processes or orderly operation of the University, or endanger the health, safety or welfare of the student body.
4. The following statements constitute the official record of all general conduct rules and regulations at USCB. Students are expected to abide by these regulations and administrators are expected to enforce them. These regulations should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms. Additional rules and regulations may be promulgated during the year; announcements will be made upon adoption of the changes or additions.

NOTE: ALL GENERAL STUDENT CONDUCT REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO RESIDENT STUDENTS.

Non-Compliance with General Laws

Students involved in violations of any federal, state or local laws may be subject to disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action imposed by the University may precede and be in addition to any penalty imposed by an off-campus authority. Students who are apprehended and charged by law enforcement agencies with felony criminal conduct on or off campus are required to inform the Vice Chancellor of Student Development.

Damage to Property

Damage to or destruction of property owned, possessed or operated by the University, its students, faculty, administration and staff, or of another institution, is prohibited.

Conduct which threatens to damage property or creates hazardous conditions such as dropping, throwing or causing objects or substances to fall from windows, doors, balconies or roofs is also prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized application of graffiti, painting, etc.

Firearms and Other Deadly Weapons

The unauthorized possession or use of firearms or weapons of any other kind such as knives, slingshots, metal knuckles, razors or any other dangerous instrument is prohibited.

Flammable Materials and Fireworks

The ignition or detonation of anything that could cause damage by fire, explosion or similar means to persons or property, or possession of anything in the nature of fireworks or explosives, is prohibited on any property owned or operated by the University without prior University authorization.

Arson

No person shall start a fire on University property without University authorization, and willful damage to property (as described above) shall be prosecuted as arson when appropriate.

Emergency Alarms and Emergency Equipment

No person shall make or cause to be made a false fire alarm, bomb threat or emergency report of any kind. No person shall tamper with, damage, disable or misuse fire or other safety equipment.

Gambling

Gambling is not permitted on campus.

Theft or Misappropriation

Theft of any kind, including seizing, receiving or concealing property known to be stolen, is forbidden. Sale, possession or misappropriation of any property, including USCB property, without the owner's permission is also prohibited. Found property shall be turned in to the USCB Public Safety Office.

Unauthorized Sale of Textbooks

The sale of a textbook by any student who does not own the book is prohibited without prior written authorization from the owner of the book. Books that are found shall be turned in to the USCB Public Safety Office.

Disorderly Conduct

Individual or group behavior which unnecessarily disturbs individuals or groups is prohibited. Such conduct includes (but is not limited to) physical assault or threat of assault, hazing and boisterous conduct which is unreasonable in the area, time or

manner in which it occurs.

Misuse of University Documents

Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any University document(s) or record(s), including providing false information or withholding material information from the University, is forbidden.

Fraud or Lying

Lying or fraudulent misrepresentation in, or with regard to, any transaction with the University, whether oral or written, is prohibited, including misrepresenting the truth before a hearing of the University or making a false statement to a University official.

University Identification Cards

Lending a University ID card to anyone, failing to present an ID card when requested to by a University official or altering an ID card may subject the owner and/or the cardholder to disciplinary action.

Failure to Respond to Official Requests

Students must comply with the reasonable and lawful requests of University employees acting in the performance of their duties. Students are expected to appear at disciplinary hearings to respond to allegations or testify as a witness when notified to do so. A failure to properly comply with or complete a sanction or obligation resulting from a disciplinary hearing or adjudication may be considered a violation of an official request. A registration hold may be placed on a student's records until such time as the student complies with the request.

Unauthorized Presence In and Use of University Facilities

Unauthorized entry into, presence in or use of University facilities or property is prohibited. Unauthorized entry into any faculty or administrative office, unauthorized entry into a faculty member's or administrator's automobile, or unauthorized access to student records will be considered a violation of the Academic Code of Conduct of the Student Judicial Policy.

Misuse of Keys

No person may use or possess any University key without proper authorization. No student is allowed under any condition to have a University key duplicated. Note to resident students: Loaning residence hall keys to a person not assigned to that room or apartment is considered a violation of this regulation.

Disruptive Activity

No person may interfere with or disrupt the normal activity and operations of students, faculty, administration or staff of this institution or its buildings or facilities. Any form of expression that materially interferes with such activities and operations or invades the rights of persons may be proscribed or prohibited.

In any case where students of the USCB are involved in action which is disruptive of the normal activities of the institution or its personnel, or which exceeds the bounds of normal internal discipline in its impact, the Board of Trustees may exercise its right to name a Special Hearing Board, Committee or officer to investigate the questioned action and to initiate appropriate disciplinary or other performances.

NOTE: To remain in the vicinity of activity that threatens to disrupt or is disrupting normal University functions may have serious legal and disciplinary implications.

Bystanders as well as more active participants in the disruptive activity may be charged with jointly engaging in an enterprise prohibited by law. Students should accordingly avoid the scene of any disruptive or potentially disruptive action. In any case, failure to leave when asked to disperse by University or law enforcement officials will result in disciplinary and/or legal action.

Misuse of Telephones and other Communication Equipment

No student shall misuse or abuse or assist in the misuse or abuse of communication equipment at the University. Such activity includes, but is not limited to, using any form of communication equipment to harass or threaten any person or persons, making unauthorized calls on University telephones or using any form of communication equipment to disrupt the normal operations or activities of any person, organization or the University. Communication equipment includes, but is not limited to, telephones, electronic mail, pagers, computers, printers, etc. The viewing of pornography on University computers is forbidden. The viewing of child pornography is ILLEGAL and is subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

Alcoholic Beverages

It is unlawful, and therefore a violation of the Non-Academic Code of Conduct, for a student to violate any provision of the USCB Policy on the Use of Alcohol by Students, which is stipulated in the Student Handbook under the Alcohol and Drug Policy.

Drugs

The possession, use, manufacture, sale or distribution of any counterfeit, illegal, dangerous or controlled drug without a prescription or the possession of drug paraphernalia, such as pipes, bongs or any items modified or adapted so that they can be used to consume drugs are not permitted on University premises or at any University-sponsored activity.

Student Housing

Violation of any student housing regulation is prohibited. These policies extend to residents, as well as guests and visitors, although students living in campus housing will be held responsible for the actions of their guests.

University Policies and Procedures

Failure to abide by any published University policy or procedure is prohibited, including, but not limited to the Sexual Assault, Use of Alcohol, Use of Drugs, Hazing and Computer Use Policies.