

Subject: Options for Resolution of Disciplinary Charges
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At the pre-hearing interview with the Office of Student Development, the charged student will have all disciplinary procedures outlined below fully explained. The charged student shall be informed at this time (or when it is known) if the intention of the administration is to seek suspension or expulsion. The following options for resolution of the disciplinary charges are available to the student and will also be fully explained.

1. Entering a plea of not responsible to the charge(s) and having a regular hearing before the University Judicial Board, where a determination of responsibility will be made. If held responsible by the University Judicial Board, an appropriate sanction will be determined.
2. Entering a plea of not responsible to the charge(s) and requesting an administrative hearing before the Vice Chancellor for Student Development or a designee, where a determination of responsibility will be made. If held responsible by the administrative hearing officer, an appropriate sanction will be determined. The Vice Chancellor or designee may decline to hear the case.
3. Entering a plea of responsible to the charge(s) and electing to have the University Judicial Board determine an appropriate sanction.
4. Entering a plea of responsible to the charge(s) and electing to have the Vice Chancellor for Student Development determine an appropriate sanction. The Vice Chancellor may decline to hear the case.

Failure to Respond: If an accused student fails to respond to charge(s) and/or fails to appear for the required pre-hearing interview, the student forfeits the above options and will be notified by certified letter at least five class days prior to the date of a hearing before the University Judicial Board. At this hearing a decision of “responsible” or “not responsible” will be made, based on the available information with or without the accused student being present. When appropriate, a sanction will also be determined and the student will be notified in writing.

It should be clearly understood that there is a fundamental difference between the nature of student discipline and that of criminal law. Regardless of the above options exercised for resolution of charges, the discipline of students within the University community must be consistent with the educational mission of the institution.