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The mission of providing an educational climate conducive to learning is more than just educational programs and research facilities. It required the establishment and maintenance of a climate that refrains from conduct which distracts from the work of the University, interferes with the lawful exercise of rights by other persons, endangers the safety or security of other persons or their property, prevents the proper use of the facilities of the University, or impairs the maintenance of that kind of environment which is essential to the operation of an institution of higher learning. For this reason, USC Beaufort is committed to maintaining social discipline among its students and student organizations.

Authority and Responsibility

The responsibility for good conduct rests with students as individuals. Student organizations have similar responsibility for maintaining good conduct among their members and guests at activities they sponsor. All members of the University community are expected to use reasonable judgment in their daily campus life and to show due concern for the welfare and rights of others.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the University; the board in accordance with policies delegates the power of the president, the campus dean, and the faculty. The Office of Student Development administers the student discipline system. Student Government as an elected and representative voice of the student body has the right to comment on any proposed changes pertaining to the discipline of students.

The vice chancellor for Student Development is, in turn, responsible for the total operation of the Student Discipline System. This responsibility includes formulating and implementing policies and procedures, in cooperation with other appropriate University bodies, for the judicial consideration of conduct violations and the imposition of sanctions in an efficient, consistent, fair, legal and educationally meaningful manner.

Rules for Student Behavior

This section establishes the rules and regulations governing student conduct at the University of South Carolina Beaufort. These regulations are provided as general guidelines and are not exhaustive. Additional rules and regulations may be adopted during the year; announcements will be made upon adoption of the changes or additions.

Students and student organizations have a right to expect enforcement of these rules and regulations. The University also has the right to expect students and student organizations to abide by them as members of the University community.

1. Compliance with General Laws – Students or student organizations 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 by off-campus authority.

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