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TITLE: Proscribed Behavior for Students and Student Organizations

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- A. It is the responsibility of all student organizations to encourage an atmosphere of learning, social responsibility, and respect for human dignity and to provide positive influence and constructive development for members and aspiring members. As such, these organizations are expected to utilize good judgment to determine the abilities of individual students as they relate to organizational activities and requirements. Certain unproductive and hazardous customs sometimes associated with the process of initiation that are incongruous with this responsibility are prohibited. Students or organizations found to have engaged in these behaviors may be disciplined in accordance with the University's disciplinary procedures.

For the purpose of this policy, a "student organization" whether or not the organization is recognized by the Student Government Association, is defined as an organization classified as departmental interest, general fraternity, general sorority, honorary, political, professional, religious, service, special governing board, special interest, athletic or any other organization with student membership.

- B. Intentional, knowing or reckless acts taken toward any student, occurring either on or off campus, by students, or by a student organization or any of its members, or by any student perceived to be members of the organization, or by former members, which a reasonable person would perceive as humiliating, physically uncomfortable, or which results in bodily injury or public ridicule, are prohibited.
- C. The Vice President for Student Affairs is delegated the authority to discipline students and/or organizations which violate the provisions of paragraph B. The Vice President for Student Affairs may delegate all or part of this authority to such other persons as deemed appropriate.
- D. The discipline applied in violation of paragraph B may include summary dismissal from the University for serious or repeated breaches of the standards set forth in paragraph B above. The Vice President for Student Affairs is delegated the authority to determine appropriate discipline in every case.
- E. Violations of paragraph B causing bodily injury shall be reported to the Commonwealth's Attorney of the appropriate jurisdiction.