

Procedures for Student Suicidal and Emotionally Disruptive Behavior

In the case of behavior or statements which indicate that a student may be suicidal or is emotionally disruptive to the academic process, these procedures will be followed:

1. The student will be asked to meet with the vice president for student services/dean of students and the director of counseling and advising services, who will make an assessment. If action or a decision is required prior to the completion of an assessment, the vice president for student services/dean of students will determine what action will be taken.
2. If an assessment determines that further action is necessary, the student may:
 - a. be instructed by the vice president for student services/dean of students to voluntarily seek counseling and provide documentation to the Office of Student Services;
 - b. be charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct;
 - c. be summarily dismissed from the university in accordance with the university's disciplinary procedures.
3. If the student's behavior is threatening or results in serious injury to others, campus police will be called immediately.

In the case of an attempted suicide which requires immediate medical or professional counseling, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Call the Norfolk Emergency Number 911.
2. Call campus police and notify them that an emergency exists and that the emergency 911 number has been called. Campus police will dispatch an officer to the scene and will notify the vice president for student services/dean of students of the incident.

Students previously dismissed from the university due to emotionally disruptive behavior must follow the following procedures in order to be readmitted to the university:

1. The student must submit a letter to the director of counseling and advising services from the mental health professional who has treated him or her indicating the student's readiness to participate successfully in the university environment.
2. The student will then be evaluated by a university mental health professional who will submit a recommendation to the director of counseling and advising services with regard to the student's reentry into the university. A positive recommendation may include provisions to which the student must agree prior to being granted readmission.

-Approved by the provost and vice president for academic affairs
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