

NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE
STUDENT CONDUCT COMMITTEE

In the Disciplinary Matter of:

Cory Hofstad,

Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND
INITIAL ORDER

THIS MATTER came on regularly before the North Seattle College Student Conduct Committee at approximately 1:30 p.m. on July 28, 2025. Student Conduct Officer Michael Chen represented the College. Student Cory Hofstad appeared *pro se*. The Student Conduct Committee was comprised of the following members: Dr. Sy Ear as Committee Chair and administrative member, Megan Bloomingdale as faculty member, and Cante Remle as student member. The Committee was represented by Michael J. Hemker, Assistant Attorney General.

The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether the student violated the Code of Student Conduct of Seattle Colleges, specifically, WAC 132F-121-110(5), and WAC 132F-121-110(13), as alleged in the Notice of Discipline dated May 16, 2025, and to determine whether expulsion imposed on Student in a notice dated May 16, 2025, should be upheld, modified, or reversed. The Committee Chair provided timely notice of the hearing of these student conduct matters to the College and the Student.

At the hearing, the Committee heard sworn testimony from the following witnesses:

1. Michael Chen, Student Conduct Officer

****Cory Hofstad, Student, made several comments during an extended self-introduction prior to voluntarily leaving the hearing; however, these were not in the form of testimony.

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The following exhibits were admitted into evidence:

College Exhibit 2	WAC 132F-121-110 Student misconduct. Misconduct for which the campuses may impose sanctions includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: (13) Participation in any activity which unreasonably disrupts the operations of the district or infringes on the rights of another member of the district community or leads or incites another person to engage in such an activity.
College Exhibit 8	3.6.2025 Notice of Disciplinary Action (Previous Conduct)
College Exhibit 9	Incident Report 1064: While Cory's emails may seem benign, inconsequential, and typical for this student, I am concerned that they may actually have severe consequences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jeopardizing a strong partnership that LSAMP has been nurturing for years 2. Tarnishing the reputation of our LSAMP alliance, and our three alliance institutions 3. Creating embarrassment, fear and extra work for LSAMP staff
College Exhibit 10, 11	Cory Hofstad Email Communication to UW staff; Corry Hofstad Email attachment: "Unraveling the Mysteries of Cryogenic Preservation: Lessons from the University of Washington"
College Exhibit 14, 15	Claire Levy Signed Witness Statement: Claire Levy Response to CH Email Attachment
College Exhibit 16, 17	5.7.2025 Cory Hofstad Email of Federal Resume
College Exhibit 18	Ali Al Khuzaim Signed Witness Statement
College Exhibit 19	Florian Hladik Signed Witness Statement
College Exhibit 23	Fox Rothschild Response
College Exhibit 26	Health Professions Scholarship Program (HDSP)
College Exhibit 27	Eligibility Requirements for HPSP
College Exhibit 28	Home – Virus Treatment Center Website
College Exhibit 29	Carivore Medication – Virus Treatment Center Website
College Exhibit 30	Checkout – Virus Treatment Center Website
College Exhibit 32	5.21.2025 Cory Hofstad Email to Germain Gornalusse
College Exhibit 36	Germán Gornalusse Signed Witness Statement
	DailyMed Database
	WAC 132F-121-130 Disciplinary Jurisdiction
College Exhibit 40	
College Exhibit 41	

The Committee did not have the opportunity to hear from the Student. During the course of the Conduct Officer's presentation of evidence the Student interrupted the Conduct Officer, began cursing and threatening him, and then abruptly left the Zoom. The Student did not rejoin the Zoom at any other time of the hearing. The Student did not make any attempts to contact the Committee or the Conduct Officer to express any difficulty in rejoining the hearing. The Committee Chair did not receive any request during the course of the hearing to readmit the Student to the Zoom session.

Pursuant to WAC 132F-121-200(1) the Committee proceeded with the hearing due to the student's failure to participate in the hearing.

The hearing was recorded through Zoom pursuant to WAC 132F-121-200(3).

Having heard the testimony and considered the evidence and exhibits presented; and after considering the arguments of the College the Committee unanimously issues the following:

I. Findings of Fact

- 1.1 On April 23, 2025, following an information session by the University of Washington ObGyn lab, student Cory Hofstad sent two emails, along with a PDF attachment, and links to his "Federal Resume" and website, to Dr. Germán Gornalusse, Claire Levy, Tina Akinyi, Katherine Fry, Ali Al Khuzaim, and the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) staff at North Seattle College.
- 1.2 In one of the emails and attached PDF sent on April 23, 2025, Cory Hofstad substantially misrepresented, misquoted, and made false statements about Dr. Germán Gornalusse and Claire Levy's scientific work.
- 1.3 Cory Hofstad's "Federal Resume" and website, <https://virustreatmentcenters.com/>, both linked and displayed in his email signature, contain substantial inaccuracies and false information.
- 1.4 Cory Hofstad claimed, in writing and on his "Federal Resume," to hold medical credentials he does not possess, including but not limited to: Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).
- 1.5 Conduct Officer Michael Chen reviewed these credentials and verified with awarding institutions that Cory Hofstad has not been awarded his proclaimed degrees, nor has he worked with research institutions listed on his resume.
- 1.6 The nature of Cory Hofstad's communications to Dr. Germán Gornalusse and Claire Levy, combined with the substantial dishonesty in his "Federal Resume" and website, significantly harms the reputation of North Seattle College and jeopardizes the valuable partnership formed between the LSAMP program and the University of Washington.
- 1.7 By proclaiming to possess various medical degrees the Student was attempting to give weight and

credibility to the remarks laid out in his email.

- 1.8 The Student's false and misleading proclamations could jeopardize the research being completed by Dr. Germán Gornalusse and Claire Levy if misunderstood by Grantor's or the National Institute of Health.
- 1.9 Cory Hofstad has engaged in a series of dishonest acts and has furnished false information to college representatives.
- 1.10 Cory Hofstad's actions during the course of the presentation by Dr. Germán Gornalusse and Claire Levy, along with his follow-up emails caused unreasonable disruption to the College as College employees had to reassure Dr. Germán Gornalusse and Claire Levy that they would take measures so as to prevent reputational harm to each of the researchers.
- 1.11 The Student Conduct Officer's presentation of evidence and his demeanor during the presentation was credible.
- 1.12 This is not the first student misconduct violation by Cory Hofstad.
- 1.13 During the hearing Cory Hofstad made a threat to Student Conduct Officer Michael Chen by asserting "I will kill you" , and then he logged off the Committee hearing of his own volition.
- 1.14 Due to Cory Hofstad's pattern of misconduct at the College it is the belief of the Committee that expulsion is the appropriate discipline outcome.

II. Conclusions of Law

2.1 The North Seattle College Student Conduct Committee has jurisdiction over this matter.

2.2 The College alleged that Student's conduct violated WAC 132F-121-110(5), and (13) of the Student Conduct Code, which states:

Misconduct for which the campuses may impose sanctions includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(5) Other dishonesty. Any other act of dishonesty related to district operations. Such acts include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any district document, record, or instrument of identification;
- (b) Tampering with an election conducted by or for district students; or
- (c) Furnishing false information, or failing to furnish correct information, in response to the request or requirement of a district officer or employee.

(13) Participation in any activity which unreasonably disrupts the operations of the district or infringes on the rights of another member of the district community, or leads or incites another person to engage in such an activity.

Based on the exhibits and the information that was provided during the student conduct committee meeting, the student conduct committee affirms that **Cory Hofstad is responsible** for violating the following provisions of the Seattle College Student Conduct Code:

WAC 132F-121-110 (5) *Other dishonesty.* Any other act of dishonesty related to district operations.

3.1 WAC 132F-121-110 (13) Participation in any activity which unreasonably disrupts the operations of the district or infringes on the rights of another member of the district community or leads or incites another person to engage in such an activity.

2.3 The findings of fact, conclusions of law, and determinations in Expulsion imposed on Student are affirmed because they meet the burden of preponderance of the evidence that Student violated the code of conduct sections described above..

III. Initial Order

The Student Conduct Committee, after hearing and receiving evidence, affirms the Expulsion imposed on Student, and the terms of the Expulsion shall remain in effect until a final order is issued in this matter, or, until this initial order becomes a final order.

Either party may file a written argument with the North Seattle College's President within 15 days of the date of mailing or personal service of this initial order. The written argument to the President must be mailed the other party (the Student Conduct Officer or Cory Hofstad). The other party may then file a written response to the President within 7 days of the date of mailing of the original written argument and simultaneously mail the response to the other party. The President will

issue a final decision within 90 days. If neither files a written argument within 15 days of the date of mailing or personal service of this initial order, this initial order will become a final order.

DATED at Seattle, Washington, this 30 day of July, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sy Ear". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Sy Ear,
Chair Student Conduct
Committee

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a copy of this document on all parties or their counsel of record on the date below as follows:

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 31 day of July, 2025, at Seattle, Washington.

Sy Ear

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Student Conduct Committee