

Structure of the University Conduct System DSA.SC.300.001

Summary/Purpose: To describe the structure of the University Conduct System for non-academic discipline.

The University conduct system, under the direction of the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct and the Department of Student Housing, is composed of administrative hearing officers, the University Judicial Council, the Department of Student Housing hearing body, and the Appellate Consideration Board. These bodies hear and/or review cases of nonacademic misconduct. Cases involving academic misconduct or academic dishonesty should follow the separate disciplinary processes set forth by the Office of the Provost.

With the agreement of all primary parties, the University may, at any point in the conduct process, offer an alternative dispute resolution option in lieu of formal student conduct proceedings.

Also, incidents involving student organizations may, at any point in the conduct process, be referred to the appropriate governing body for resolution.

University of Mississippi Judicial Council

The University Judicial Council is the primary fact-finding and decision-making body in the University conduct system. The Council consists of a student judicial chair, at least ten students (one of whom will serve as assistant student chair), at least five faculty, and at least five staff members. A representative from the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct serves as the advisor to the council.

The Student Judicial Chair is elected by the student body through the University's annual Associated Student Body (ASB) campus-wide elections. The remaining student members are selected by a process determined by the ASB. The Student Judicial Chair shall appoint an assistant student chair.

The University Judicial Council, acting through a panel of at least six members (five members plus the chair or assistant chair presiding), hears and decides cases involving alleged individual or organizational violations of University policy. Decisions of the University Judicial Council are final yet subject to appeal. For cases related to sexual misconduct, please review the conduct process outlined within the University's policy on sexual misconduct.

Appeals Process

Outcomes involving violations of University policy heard by the University Judicial Council or the Department of Student Housing hearing body may be appealed to the Appellate Consideration Board. Cases submitted for appeal will be considered by a panel of at least three members of the Appellate Consideration Board, chaired by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or his or her designee.

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Other Hearing Bodies

Individual colleges, schools, and professional programs may also have their own processes for student discipline and/or make academic judgments based on a student's fitness for continuance in his or her respective program of study. In addition, the Department of Student Housing may place a student's Housing contract under review for alleged University policy violations.