

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS

PPM 160-10 – UC San Diego Student Conduct Procedures

This document summarizes the key proposed revisions to the UC San Diego *Student Conduct Procedures (Procedures)* to be implemented for Fall 2023. These revisions will be discussed and/or reviewed by the Student Conduct Standards Group and the Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs, presented to the campus community during a Campus Comment period in May 2023, and reviewed by the UC Office of the President and Office of General Counsel, and UC San Diego Campus Counsel’s Office prior to implementation.

Please note that revisions of titles, gender pronouns, section references, sentence re-ordering, and language improvements are not summarized in this document.

Section – Definitions

- The term “Interim Suspension Hearing Officer” has been included to describe the staff member handling Interim Suspension hearings.
- The term “SAGE” has been introduced as the acronym for “Center of Student Accountability, Growth, and Education,” formerly known as “Office of Student Conduct (OSC).” This term has been added throughout the document.

Section A – Policy Statement

- We updated and clarified the jurisdiction section to include PACAOS Appendix F: Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Student Investigation and Adjudication Framework for sexual violence and harassment allegations.

Section C – Standards of Conduct

- We updated this section to include violations of health and safety requirements as issued by the University and/or local, state, or federal governments in response to public health emergencies.

Section D – Reports of Alleged Violations

- (Section D –1) We updated this section to clarify the process of reporting of alleged violations and the process of resolving through an Administrative or Alternative Resolution. *Procedures* clarify that Persons who have submitted reports may be asked to participate as witness or Complainant in Administration Resolution and/or Student Conduct Review processes.
- (Section D – 8) This section now reflects language from PPM 200-23 Procedures for Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Resolution, which applies the applicable adjudication frameworks for the University of California Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy.

Section E – Resolution Options for Reports of Alleged Violations

- (Section E –7) We updated this section to include that meetings described in these *Procedures* may be conducted remotely or in-person. Prior to 2020, Administrative Resolution Meetings, Student Conduct Reviews and other related meetings were typically conducted in-person.

Section G – Student Conduct Reviews

- (Section G – 2a and 2b) This section has been updated to reflect that the Community Standards Board must be comprised of no fewer than eight undergraduate students (one from each college), and three graduate and professional students. This change was made to reflect and address difficulties in securing student board members and the inclusion of two additional undergraduate colleges.
- (Section G - 5) The *Procedures* previously provided that Community Standards Boards required five members, including a Chair. This has been updated to reduce the number of members for each Review and remove composition requirements to ensure Community Standards Boards are more equitable and attainable.
- (Section G – 8b) We changed this section to include that if a Respondent does not reschedule their initial meeting with a Student Conduct Officer prior to a Student Conduct Review, they will be presumed to no longer request a review of their alleged violations. The Student Conduct Officer will then determine the Respondent's responsibility from the alleged violations and assign sanction without the Respondent's participation.
- (Section G – 10) This section clarifies and enhances that the Respondent may accept responsibility for their alleged violations and can waive their right to a Student Conduct Review at any point prior to the start of the Review. It also states that a pending Student Conduct Review would be cancelled and the original Student Conduct Officer assigns sanctions as described in the *Procedures*.
- (Section G – 12) We revised this section to require that if a Respondent requests a new date or time of a Review, they must provide specific information about the reason(s) for rescheduling in support of their request.

Section I – Interim Actions

- (Section I overall) This section now reflects the role of the Interim Suspension Hearing Officer in handling Interim Suspension hearings.
- (Section I-6) This section clarifies that if, after proper notice by the SAGE Director, the Respondent does not appear at the scheduled hearing, the Interim Suspension Officer may conduct the hearing and determine whether to continue the interim suspension without their participation.

Section J – Appeals and Sanction Reduction Requests

- The language in this section was clarified and revised for greater readability and conciseness throughout.

Section K – Student Conduct Records

- The term Respondent in this section has been replaced with “Student or Student Organization” to better reflect whose student conduct records are maintained.

Forms, Related Information and Frequently Asked Questions

- This section has now been revised with updated links, forms, and FAQ’s.