

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE
(Final; Information)

SD.21.01 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Student Discipline

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Student Discipline (SD) during the 2020-2021 academic year. SD met on September 14, November 2, November 30, January 25, February 22, April 12, and May 3. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE

Sanctioning Guidance for COVID-Related Violations

On September 14, 2020, SD adopted sanctioning guidance for common COVID policy-related violations (e.g., testing noncompliance, hosting unsafe events, and violating isolation or quarantine) to be distributed to case coordinators and subcommittee members.

Quorum Requirement for the Subcommittees on Undergraduate and Graduate Student Conduct

On November 30, 2020, SD reduced the quorum requirements for the undergraduate and graduate subcommittees to three members to accommodate the significant increase in hearings that resulted from COVID policy enforcement. This quorum requirement is consistent with that of the Subcommittee on Sexual Misconduct.

Prescheduling Respondent Meetings

On January 25, 2021, SD made minor adjustments to the Student Disciplinary Procedures to allow case coordinators to preschedule meetings with respondents

Subcommittee Selection

On April 12, 2021, SD approved the entire slate of new members for the Subcommittees on Undergraduate Student Conduct, Graduate Student Conduct, Organizational Conduct, and Sexual Misconduct as proposed by the selection committee.

II. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Future Sanction Relief for COVID-Related Violations

During multiple meetings, SD members discussed their intent to provide future relief to students who were issued sanctions up to, and including, conduct probation for COVID-related violations, especially for testing noncompliance. SD will continue to discuss options during the 2021-2022 meetings but is unlikely to take action until most, or all, of the COVID-related university requirements have been lifted.

Informal Resolution Processes

During multiple meetings, SD discussed informal resolution options for student disciplinary matters, including an informal approach for case coordinators to use in lower level matters that do not include university-affiliated victims, a restorative justice process, and an informal resolution procedure for sexual misconduct cases. SD will continue to discuss in 2021-2022, but in the meantime, Office for Student Conflict Resolution staff will pilot the informal approach mentioned above and draft procedures for the other two options.

III. ADDITIONAL ITEM COMPLETED DURING PREVIOUS YEAR

Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Procedural Changes

At a special meeting held on August 7, 2020, SD adopted substantial changes to the Student Disciplinary Procedures regarding to the investigation and adjudication of sexual misconduct cases, including those covered by Title IX. This was in response to the Department of Education's Title IX regulatory changes, the implementation deadline for which was August 14, 2020. This item was completed after the SD.20.01 report was submitted to the Senate.

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