I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Howard University to maintain a community that is safe and free of disruption, which supports the pursuit of truth, the discovery of new knowledge through scholarly research, the teaching and overall development of students and the transmission of knowledge and learning.

II. RATIONALE

The Student Code of Conduct, through the codified rules and regulations explicates those behaviors that are prohibited in the University community and brings to resolution, through the University's disciplinary process, said behaviors that violate the Student Code of Conduct.

The Student Code of Conduct is predicated on the rules and regulations that seek to instill the core values of honesty, integrity, responsibility and respect for persons and property. It enforces and reinforces the principles of appropriate behavior necessary for life in a civil society. Students are required to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct as a condition of enrollment at the University.

The University cooperates with law enforcement authorities; violations of the Student Code that are also violations of federal or local law are referred to the appropriate non-University authority.

III. ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

The Student Code of Conduct is applicable to all students, to include all persons taking courses at the University, either full or part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, professional or unclassified studies. Students are also those persons who have a continuing relationship with the University, as are persons who are living in University residence halls, although not enrolled in the institution, including new,
continuing or transfer students, participants involved in pre-college programs, workshops, seminars, special classes, summer programs, athletic programs and camps affiliated with the University. Students who are involved in clinical rotations, practicum, internships, externships or other activities involved with an academic program are subject to the Code. The Student Code applies to all locations of the University and to all student groups and organizations.

IV. DEFINITIONS

A. Prohibited behaviors - types of conduct which are not permitted at the University.

B. Sanctions - consequences of prohibited behaviors.

C. Judicial hearing - examination of an accused person.

V. POLICY PROCEDURES

The daily administration, enforcement and operation of the Student Code of Conduct are implemented by the Dean of Special Student Services and the Director of Judicial Affairs.

Qualified judicial hearing officers and disciplinary hearing boards are selected and trained on the prohibited behaviors contained in the Student Code, hearing particulars, mediation strategies, the application of sanctions and the appeal process.

It is the responsibility of the complainant to take action to pursue resolution of a violation of the Student Code. The complainant will review the Code to determine the specific provisions violated by the accused student. The complainant will obtain, complete and file a Request for Resolution of an Alleged Violation of the Student Code of Conduct form within fourteen (14) calendar days of the incident. The accused student will be notified of an alleged violation and will be asked to report to the Office of Special Student Services.

If a determination is made that a violation of the Code may have occurred, the complainant and the accused student will be contacted within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of the completed Request for Resolution of an Alleged Violation form. The accused student will be informed of the allegation and related information and will be given an opportunity to provide his/her version of the facts and be allowed to plead Responsible or Not Responsible. A plea of Not Responsible by the accused student will result in an automatic remanding of the case to the hearing officer or hearing board.
The complainant and the accused student will be notified by mail of the date, time and place of the hearing. Responsible pleas by the accused will result in an Office review of the case and a determination of sanctions will be imposed. The complainant will receive written notification of the sanctions.

VI. INTERIM POLICIES
There are no interim policies.

VII. SANCTIONS
Students who are charged and/or found guilty of misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action. The sanctions are inclusive of probation, suspension and expulsion.

VIII. HYPERLINKS

www.howard.edu/policy (Student Code of Conduct – abbreviated format)
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