

Student Code of Conduct

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SESSION: STUDENT ACTIVISM



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Overview

- What is the Code of Conduct?
 - Scope and Purpose
 - Process Review
 - Overview of Changes
 - Community Feedback
 - Q & A
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- **Foundational document within the student experience**
 - **Values-oriented**
 - **Code of conduct outlines:**
 - Minimum expectations for students inside and outside the classroom
 - Procedures followed when a violation may have occurred
 - Range of outcomes that can happen if a student is responsible for a violation.
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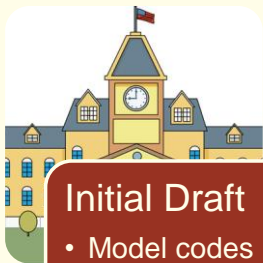
Purpose

- Clarity
- Consistency
- Support student safety and University mission
- Align code with best practices
- Comprehensive student handbook (long-term)

Scope

- **Undergraduate Code of Conduct**
 - Introduction
 - Expectations
 - Sanctions
 - Procedures
 - **Policies outside scope**
 - Honor code
 - Appeals
 - Medical amnesty
 - Alcohol policy
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What should we minimally expect of undergraduate students?



Initial Draft

- Model codes
- Institutional comparison



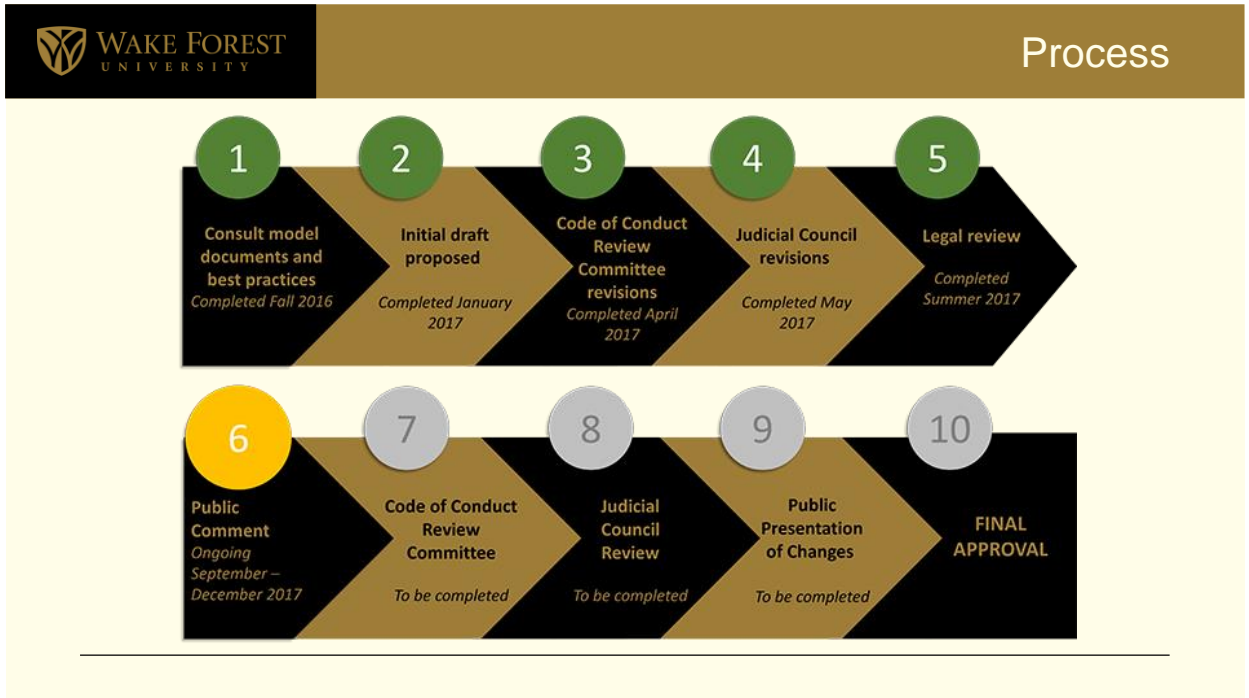
Committee

- Broad-based review group
- Refined code



Legal Review

- Expertise from within and outside WFU
 - Model code
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Disorderly conduct - examples

- Intoxicated student screams profanity while running up and down a residence hall hallway at 2 a.m.
 - In the Polo Hall elevator, a group of students jump up in unison, causing the elevator to stall into an emergency mode.
 - What behavior are we seeking to describe with this policy, and does our language do so precisely?
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Interrupting the teaching environment

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Interrupting a planned speaker

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Interrupting University Business

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Interrupting a group from meeting

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Expression
Policy/Statement

- Aspirational statement affirming open exchange of ideas

Protest
guidelines

- Offers practical recommendations for students for protests and responses to current events

Code of Conduct

- Expresses minimum expectations for undergraduate students
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What would you like to be able to do without fear of penalty that you believe is prohibited by the language?

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1. What objective is this policy/procedure trying to meet?
How does it fail to do so?
2. Can you suggest an alternative to the language proposed?
3. How would the alternative language meet the same objective or be more effective?

Please note: comments will be moderated for posting to the website.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT COMMUNITY REVIEW



The Student Code of Conduct will be posted online for feedback from students, faculty, and staff. Those interested may attend any of the above sessions in Pugh Auditorium to learn more about the proposed changes. Comments may be submitted at go.wfu.edu/codereview