XI. Emergency Procedures

A. Interim Suspension from the University
If the associate vice president and dean of students of the university or designee determines that the continued presence of a student on campus constitutes a serious danger to the orderly operation of the university or the safety or welfare of members of the university community, including the student him/herself, the associate vice president and dean of students may sign an order imposing interim suspension from university.

1. The interim suspension may be imposed immediately with the option by the accused student to have a preliminary hearing within 24 hours before the associate vice president and dean of students or designee and if so desired by the accused student, the SGA student conduct committee chairperson or designee.

2. The preliminary hearing shall be concerned solely with:
   a) discussion of the nature of the charges and their sources.
   b) establishment of a date for a formal hearing which normally shall be scheduled within five (5) business days of the effective date of the interim suspension, unless the student chooses to administratively settle the case at this time.
   c) provision of an opportunity for the student show cause why he/she should not be suspended.

3. Unless modified by the associate vice president and dean of students, the student’s activities during the interim suspension are subject to the same restrictions and conditions set forth under regular suspension. Interim suspension shall continue until a hearing results in reinstatement of the student to the university and the residence hall (if applicable).

4. Hearing and appeal procedures for the formal hearing will be the same as those prescribed for any other disciplinary case.

5. If the formal hearing body recommends suspension, dismissal, or expulsion, the interim suspension shall continue during any period of appellate review.

6. If the student is found not responsible, he/she will be immediately reinstated into the residence hall if he/she has been a resident. However, the student shall not be entitled to a refund for the time period removed from the residence hall in accordance with the “Residence Hall Occupancy Agreement” and “The Guide to Living on Campus.”

7. Unless the student is suspended, dismissed, or expelled from the university as a result of the hearing process, he/she will be permitted to make up all academic classwork and examinations missed during the interim suspension period.

8. Resident students will normally be given no more than two (2) hours to vacate the residence hall if interim suspension is imposed. To the extend feasible, the resident director will assist a temporarily suspended resident in storing his/her belongings if requested.

B. Interim Suspension from Residence Halls
If, as the result of conduct violations, the associate vice president and dean of students or designee determines that the continued presence of a residence hall student constitutes a serious danger to the orderly operation of the residence halls or the safety or welfare of other residence hall students, including the student himself/herself, the associate vice president and dean of students or designee may impose interim residence hall suspension to temporarily remove the student from the residence halls. The guidelines for interim suspension outlined above shall apply, but with the following modifications:

1. The student shall not be permitted to live in or to visit the residence halls. Interim residence hall suspension shall continue until either an original level hearing body or appellate reviewer reinstates the student to the residence hall (modifies section XI.A.3).

2. In some cases, the student may not be permitted to continue, during the period of residence hall suspension, any university meal plan in which he/she is a participant. The types of conduct violations which may result in interim residence hall suspension include, but are not limited to:
   a. Bomb threats;
   b. False fire alarms (pullboxes, smoke detectors, etc.);
   c. Physical abuse or assault of another person;
   d. Verbal intimidation or threats directed toward another person;
   e. Sexual assault, sexual harassment, rape or acquaintance rape of another person;
f. Possession or use of firearms or other weapons;
g. Possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of illegal drugs;
h. Malicious vandalism or theft to the physical plant or to the personal property of another resident;
i. Possession of commercially prepared alcohol containers (i.e., kegs, beerballs, etc.) in restricted areas or possession of bulk alcoholic beverages;
j. Making threatening statements regarding the use of firearms, explosives or other types of weapons to bring harm to members of the university community.

C. Interim Residence Hall Relocation
When sufficient evidence exists to believe that a student had committed a serious violation of the Student Conduct Code, or if a student’s continued presence in a residence hall constitutes a disruption to its orderly operation, the director of residence life or designee may temporarily relocate the student to another residence facility pending a hearing. The accused student may be restricted from visiting specific residence facilities during the period of the relocation.

D. Administrative Hearing Panels
In the event that a sufficient number of trained students on the student conduct and mediation board are not available or able to serve on a case, an administrative hearing panel can be utilized in an effort to expedite due process. An Administrative Hearing Panel will consist of three (3) administrators, composed of both genders, and will only be called based on the determination of the student conduct and mediation board procedural advisor.

E. Hearing Officer
In the event that a sufficient number of trained students on the student conduct and mediation board or administrative hearing panel members are not available to serve on a case, a hearing officer can be utilized for cases in which the possible sanctions that may be imposed are less than any form of separation from the residence halls or the university. The hearing officer will be a professional administrator.