VIII. Student Conduct and Mediation Code of Ethical Standards

Members of hearing bodies play a vital and sensitive role within the institutional governance structure. As such, it is important that they maintain the highest performance and ethical standards. The following code is designed to safeguard the rights of students involved in disciplinary situations and to uphold the integrity of the university community as a whole.

1. The name or status of any student involved in a disciplinary situation should not be discussed with anyone outside the hearing body membership.

2. The manner in which a student conduct hearing body member votes in a case is confidential and should not be shared with anyone outside the hearing room.

3. The chairperson of the hearing body or designee shall be the official spokesperson for the hearing body. The final hearing body decision on any matter is to be conveyed to the student charged only by the professional staff member in the student conduct and mediation programs office.

4. Members of the student conduct and mediation boards should serve as models for other students by upholding university regulations and performing their duties in an exemplary manner.

5. Members of the student conduct and mediation board are obligated to disqualify themselves if they have prior knowledge about the incident or other knowledge which will impair their ability to judge the case impartially.