

Revision to the Code of Student Conduct – Executive Summary

The Evergreen Student Conduct Code articulates specific fair, impartial, learning-centered standards and procedures for upholding the values and aspirations expressed in the Social Contract. Specifically, the Code affords opportunities for informal resolution and to support students to be accountable for their decisions and actions.

Student conduct at Evergreen is addressed in the Student Conduct Code (Chapter 174-123 WAC) which was last revised in January of 2012.

A committee of staff involved in administering the Code has identified recommended revisions intended to result in a more current policy. We invite the Evergreen community to review the proposed changes and share questions and feedback.

The committee is seeking feedback until May 31st both online and via forums. The committee will review and respond to feedback and post a final revised code on Greener Commons and the Student Conduct webpage at the end of May. A public hearing to meet the RCW revision policy is scheduled for July 26th. The revised code is expected to be in effect as of September 1, 2017 for the start of the 2017-2018 academic year.

While there are updates and changes in nearly every section of the code, the major revisions fall into three areas:

- 1) Sexual Misconduct
- 2) Appeals Procedures
- 3) General definitions

Sexual Misconduct - Since the last revision, colleges received substantial guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights regarding how institutions address sexual misconduct under Title IX law. State and federal laws passed since 2012 require changes to the Code. These recommended revisions include changes to definitions, prohibited behaviors, and procedures including: extended jurisdiction to off-campus for cases of sexual misconduct; expanded definition of consent; and the addition of dating and domestic violence to the list of prohibited conduct.

Appeals Procedures – The proposed code provides students the right to have an attorney represent them in cases that could result in suspension or expulsion or in

cases involving sexual misconduct. The proposed code articulates greater clarity regarding the appeals process and reconsideration.

General Definitions – In order to make the code more easily understood, the proposed code has an expanded definition section.

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Please submit comments via the online feedback form:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/studentaffairs/student-conduct>. Questions can be directed to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Library 3009 or by phone to 360-867-6296.