

STUDENT DISCIPLINE FOR NON-ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT SECTION VI.G – NOTICE AND COMMENT

The Board of Trustees revised Section VI.G of the Lone Star College District Policy Manual on **March 3, 2016**. The notice and comment period for the policy was open to the public from **December 7, 2016** to **February 24, 2016**. The student discipline procedures were last updated on **September 15, 2016**. The notice and comment period for the procedures was open to the public from **May 19, 2016** to **June 20, 2016**. The policy and procedures were posted for public comment at <http://www.lonestar.edu/proposed-policies.htm>. Commenters could anonymously submit comments to LSC-PolicyFeedback@lonestar.edu and LSC-ProcedureFeedback@lonestar.edu. Including comments received outside the anonymous comment function, we received a total of three comments.

Comment 1: A commenter asked whether the student discipline policy applied to academic misconduct.

Response 1: The policy and procedure were not intended to cover academic misconduct, so the Office of the General Counsel revised the policy and procedure to clarify that they apply only to non-academic misconduct.

Comment 2: A commenter noted that a rigid start time and end time for discipline committee hearings and a limit of one working day for a discipline committee hearing would make scheduling discipline committee hearings very difficult.

Response 2: The Office of General Counsel agrees that more flexibility for beginning and ending discipline committee hearings should be allowed because discipline committee hearings involve many individuals with busy schedules. The procedures were revised to eliminate the requirement that hearings begin at 10:00 am and end by 5:00 pm, and the procedures' requirement that hearings last no more than one day was changed to allow the discipline committee to decide to allow a hearing to continue onto a subsequent day if the discipline committee believes it necessary.

Comment 3: A commenter noted that holding discipline committee hearings at the college where the alleged misconduct occurred would, in most cases, require more travel than holding the hearing at the college providing the discipline committee.

Response 3: The Office of the General Counsel recognizes this issue and has revised the procedures to provide that discipline committee hearings will be held at the college providing the discipline committee.