

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA OFFICE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Division of Student Affairs FALL 2014 REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The Office of Student Conduct (OSC) is responsible for investigating alleged violations of the Code of Conduct (Code) and for coordinating the conduct process. Summary statistical reports are generated for public review. ***This report reflects data for the time period of August 18, 2014-January 4, 2015 (Fall 2014).***

II. CONDUCT CASE REFERRALS

The OSC receives referrals for conduct action from a variety of sources. Referrals with sufficient information to indicate a potential violation of the Code are assigned to a conduct officer for further investigation and eventual resolution.

ORIGIN OF CASES REFERRED
DURING FALL 2014

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| University Housing | 159 |
| UGA Police | 85 |
| ACC Police | 60 |
| Faculty/Staff | 6 |
| Georgia State Patrol | 5 |
| Other | 4 |
| Other Law Enforcement | 1 |
| TOTAL | 320 |

III. CONDUCT CASE RESOLUTIONS

Conduct cases are not necessarily resolved in the semester in which they were referred to the OSC. ***Statistics in the remaining portion of the report reflect data for cases that were resolved during Fall 2014 regardless of when they were referred (i.e. some cases were referred during Summer 2014).***

Cases are resolved in one of three ways: *no action*, *informal resolution*, or *formal resolution*. A conduct officer may find that there is not enough information to indicate that the student has violated the Code, resulting in a *no action* resolution. Cases are resolved *informally* when the student accepts responsibility for violating the Code, agrees with the sanctions assigned by the conduct officer, and waives the right to a formal hearing and appeal. If a student disputes involvement in a violation of the Code or does not agree with the sanctions assigned by the conduct officer, the case is resolved through a *formal* hearing.

STATUS OF CONDUCT CASES REFERRED DURING
FALL 2014

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| Resolved | Cases in which the student has been found responsible or not responsible for violating the Code. | 293 |
| Pending | Cases that remained under investigation as of 1/4/2015. | 27 |

** UGA classifies students according to the number of academic hours they have earned:*

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| <i>First-year</i> | <i>Less than 30 hours earned</i> |
| <i>Second-year</i> | <i>At least 30 hours</i> |
| <i>Third-year</i> | <i>At least 60 hours</i> |
| <i>Fourth-year</i> | <i>At least 90 hours</i> |

RESOLUTION TYPES AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFO
FOR CASES RESOLVED DURING FALL 2014

| | Informal | Formal | No Action | TOTAL |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| Male | 170 | 14 | 21 | 205 |
| Female | 85 | 2 | 15 | 102 |
| First-year* | 93 | 3 | 14 | 110 |
| Second-year | 84 | 3 | 12 | 99 |
| Third-year | 35 | 4 | 4 | 43 |
| Fourth-year | 39 | 4 | 5 | 48 |
| Graduate | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Professional | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Transient | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Student Org | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 257 | 16 | 36 | 309 |

IV. VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Multiple alleged violations of the Code may be applied to a case, resulting in a difference between the number of cases resolved and number of violations reported during the same time period. **The first number in the charts below reflects alleged violations, while the second reflects the number of violations students were found responsible for during Fall 2014 whether through the informal or formal resolution process.**

NOTE: Regulation 3.8 was changed in May 2014 to include reckless obstruction, which unreasonably interferes with the freedom of movement of an individual or group. Regulations 4.1 and 4.4 no longer include distribution; distribution is now encompassed within Regulations 4.2 and 4.5. Regulations 5.1 and 5.2 were changed to include provisions for information. Regulation 8.2 was changed to include provisions for information or accounts.

| REGULATION 2: Other Acts of Dishonesty | | Alleged/Actual |
|---|---|----------------|
| 2.1 | Furnishing false information to any University official, office, or law enforcement officer. | 6/6 |
| 2.2 | Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any document, record, or instrument of identification, or possession of any false identification or identification belonging to another person with dishonest intent. | 69/63 |
| 2.3 | Causing, condoning, or encouraging the completion of any University record, document, or form dishonestly. | 0 |
| 2.4 | Offering or causing to be offered any bribe or favor to a University official, office or other law enforcement officer in order to influence a decision. | 0 |
| 2.5 | Tampering with the election of any University recognized organization. | 0 |
| 2.6 | Casting or attempting to cast more than one ballot in any election or referendum on campus. | 0 |
| <i>TOTAL Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 75/69 |

| REGULATION 3: Disorderly Conduct | | Alleged/Actual |
|---|---|----------------|
| 3.1 | Intentional or reckless disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration or other University activities, including its public service functions on or off campus, or other authorized non-University activities taking place on University property with the exception of constitutionally protected freedom of speech and expression. | 1/1 |
| 3.2 | Conduct that intentionally or recklessly causes or provokes a disturbance that disrupts the academic pursuits, or infringes upon the rights, privacy, or privileges of another person. | 26/12 |
| 3.3 | Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of another person, including but not limited to physical violence, abuse, intimidation, and/or coercion; or violation of a legal protective order. | 38/24 |
| 3.4 | Sexual assault, illegal sexual harassment, other forms of illegal harassment, and discrimination of individuals outside of the University community. | 0 |
| 3.5 | Violation of published University policies, rules, or regulations. | 3/2 |
| 3.6 | Failure to comply with directions of any University official, office or other law enforcement officer acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so. | 13/13 |
| 3.7 | Participation in a campus demonstration that violates the University's Policy on Freedom of Expression, intentionally or recklessly disrupts the normal operations of the University or infringes on the rights of other members of the University community. | 0 |
| 3.8 | Intentional or reckless obstruction, which unreasonably interferes with the freedom of movement of an individual or group. | 1/0 |
| 3.9 | Entering an athletic contest, dance, social or other event without the proper credentials for admission (ticket, identification, invitation). | 0 |
| 3.10 | Circulation of any advertising media that violates the University's Policy on Freedom of Expression, intentionally or recklessly disrupts the normal operations of the University or infringes on the rights of other members of the University community. | 0 |
| <i>TOTAL Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 82/52 |

| REGULATION 4: Alcohol & Other Drug Related Misconduct | | Alleged/Actual |
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| 4.1 | Use or possession of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by law and University Alcohol and Other Drug Policies. | 179/146 |
| 4.2 | Providing, distributing, selling, or facilitating the use or possession of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by law and University Alcohol and Other Drug Policies. | 9/5 |
| 4.3 | Disruptive or disorderly conduct caused by the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. | 70/60 |
| 4.4 | Use or possession of narcotic or other controlled substances except as permitted by law and University Alcohol and Other Drug Policies. | 45/31 |
| 4.5 | Providing, distributing, selling, or facilitating the use or possession of narcotic or other controlled substances except as permitted by law and University Alcohol and Other Drug Policies. | 1/0 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 304/242 |

REGULATION 5: Theft, Damage & Disregard for Property

Alleged/Actual

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| 5.1 | Taking, attempting to take, or keeping in one's possession any property or item, including but not limited to any tangible possession, information, or account, without proper authorization. | 11/9 |
| 5.2 | Malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction, or attempted damage or destruction, of any property or item, including but not limited to any tangible possession, information, or account. | 16/13 |
| 5.3 | Selling or attempting to sell a textbook unless the seller is the owner of the textbook or has the permission of the owner to do so. | 1/1 |
| 5.4 | Taking, attempting to take, or keeping items belonging to the library or items placed in the library for display. | 0 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 28/23 |

REGULATION 6: Fire Safety & Sanitation

Alleged/Actual

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| 6.1 | Misusing, damaging or tampering with fire safety equipment. | 0 |
| 6.2 | Setting or causing to be set any unauthorized fire. | 0 |
| 6.3 | Possessing or using fireworks, explosives or other incendiary devices without authorization. | 0 |
| 6.4 | Making or causing to be made a false fire alarm. | 0 |
| 6.5 | Intentionally or recklessly obstructing a fire exit in any University building. | 0 |
| 6.6 | Failure to exit a University building when the fire alarm sounds. | 0 |
| 6.7 | Failure to maintain an organization's facilities and/or surrounding property creating a potential danger to the health or safety of the occupants or other individuals. | 0 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 0 |

REGULATION 7: Weapons

Alleged/Actual

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| 7.1 | Possessing firearms, explosives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on University property unless permitted by law. | 4/2 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 4/2 |

REGULATION 8: Unauthorized Entry or Use

Alleged/Actual

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| 8.1 | Unauthorized entry or attempted entry into any property, including but not limited to any building, office, or other facility, automobile, backpack, or account. | 12/10 |
| 8.2 | Making or attempting to make unauthorized use of facilities, information, or accounts. | 3/3 |
| 8.3 | Unauthorized possession, use, or duplication of keys or other methods of controlled access (i.e. cards, codes). | 0 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 15/13 |

REGULATION 9: Student Housing

Alleged/Actual

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| 9.1 | Unauthorized entry, attempted entry, or remaining in restricted areas, including roofs, of any University-owned student residence. | 1/1 |
| 9.2 | Failure to comply with policies established in various residence halls for the protection of the privacy, rights, privileges, health or safety of the community. University Housing community guides can be found at housing.uga.edu/about/publications/guides . | 11/6 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 12/7 |

REGULATION 10: Computer Use

Alleged/Actual

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| 10.1 | Failure to comply with University computer use policies. | 2/2 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 2/2 |

REGULATION 11: Gambling

Alleged/Actual

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| 11.1 | Conducting, organizing, or participating in any activity involving games of chance or gambling except as permitted by law and University policy. | 0 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 0 |

REGULATION 12: Hazing

Alleged/Actual

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| 12.1 | Participating in, condoning, encouraging, requiring, or allowing opportunity for hazing. | 15/15 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 15/15 |

| REGULATION 13: Interference with the Orderly Operation of the Conduct Process | | Alleged/Actual |
|--|--|----------------|
| 13.1 | Unreasonably delaying the conduct process by failing to schedule or appear for a meeting as requested by a conduct officer. | 0 |
| 13.2 | Intentionally providing false, distorted, or misrepresented information to a conduct officer or judicial body or knowingly initiating a false complaint. | 0 |
| 13.3 | Disrupting the orderly operation of a conduct proceeding. | 0 |
| 13.4 | Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the conduct process. | 0 |
| 13.5 | Harassing and/or intimidating a member of a judicial body or any participant in a conduct proceeding prior to, during, or after that proceeding. | 0 |
| 13.6 | Failure to comply with the sanctions imposed under the Code of Conduct. | 0 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 0 |

| REGULATION 14: Shared Responsibilities for Violations | | Alleged/Actual |
|--|---|----------------|
| 14.1 | Acting in concert to violate University conduct regulations. | 0 |
| 14.2 | Knowingly condoning, encouraging, or requiring behavior that violates University conduct regulations. | 30/28 |
| 14.3 | Allowing, condoning, permitting or providing opportunity for a guest to violate University conduct regulations. | 1/1 |
| <i>Total Alleged/Actual Violations</i> | | 31/29 |

V. SANCTIONS

Students found in violation of the Code are assigned one or more sanctions based on type of violation, circumstances of the case, and a student's prior record with the OSC, resulting in a difference between the number of cases resolved and the number of sanctions assigned during the same time period.

SANCTIONS ASSIGNED FOR CASES RESOLVED DURING FALL 2014

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| Probation | 206 |
| Alcohol/Drug Education | 183 |
| Reflection or Research Paper | 113 |
| Other Educational* | 68 |
| Community Service | 65 |
| Follow-up Meeting | 19 |
| Reprimand | 18 |
| Suspension** | 16 |
| Restitution | 10 |
| Mentor Program | 9 |
| Letter of Apology/Explanation | 8 |
| Health Promotions Consultation | 8 |
| Expulsion | 2 |
| Restriction | 1 |

* *Other Educational sanctions are specifically designed to educate a student in connection with the effect of his/her behavior.*

***One suspension is currently under review within the appeal process.*