

NON-ACADEMIC SANCTIONING GUIDELINES INTRODUCTION **UC San Diego Office of Student Conduct**

I. OVERVIEW

Sanctions are designed to be appropriate to the subject matter of the case. The goal is not to punish students but rather help them understand how their actions affected themselves and/or their community while providing learning experiences for their growth and development.

The Office of Student Conduct maintains sanction guidelines for most all Standards of Conduct violations. These guidelines are neither “absolutes” nor exhaustive of every single potential violation. Instead, they are rather important starting points for determining sanctions. They provide a uniform set of initial sanctions for all Student Conduct Officers and ensure greater consistency among colleges and residential areas.

While the guidelines inform sanctioning, they are not the stopping point. Sanctions for each case are dependent on the specific circumstances of the incident, the student’s conduct record, and any applicable sanction guidelines. While previous cases are not determinative, they provide yardsticks for similar cases in the future.

Any questions about the guidelines should be directed to the Office of Student Conduct.

II. STUDENT CONDUCT HISTORY AND SEVERITY OF CASES

Student conduct records at UC San Diego are cumulative. Therefore, increased sanctions may be assigned to take into consideration the Student’s overall record of violations of all types, not just those of a similar type. Violations of the Standards of Conduct or other University Policies during the period of an active sanction may be cause for further action.

Repeated violations of any Standard of Conduct may also result in suspension or dismissal, or in the assignment of lesser sanctions, if specific mitigating factors are present. Mitigating factors to be considered include:

- The severity of the violation;
- The Respondent’s student conduct record;
- The nature of the offense;
- The severity of any damage; and
- Any injury or harm resulting from the matter to necessitate student conduct action.

Student Conduct Officers also take into account the severity of the alleged violations. An incident may be a first time offense but due to the severity of the alleged violation, increased sanctions may be considered based on the circumstances of the case.

III. OTHER SANCTIONS AND ACTIONS

Violations of the UC San Diego *Residential Life Community Standards* may impact the student’s ability to live in on-campus housing. Any housing contract consequences will be administered by Residential Life offices separate and apart from the student conduct process.

Students removed from an event (e.g. Sun God Festival) or documented for an egregious violation inside the event venue may be excluded from future events. Behavior necessitating future exclusion includes

actions that put oneself, others, or the event itself at risk, such as physical assault, threats to others or property, use and/or distribution of controlled substances.

Student Conduct Officers also have the discretion to exclude graduating seniors, graduate students, and professional school students from participating in commencement exercises for egregious violations.