

# SANCTIONS

When it has been determined that a student was involved in violating a policy, a sanction or combination of sanctions is imposed. Sanctions give students an opportunity to grow, to become a better member of the community, and to be held accountable for their actions. Students who fail to comply with sanctions levied for violations of College policy may be prevented from registering for courses or receiving transcripts, and may also receive additional sanctions.

## 1. Sanctions and Disciplinary Status

The Hearing Officer or Committee on the Code of the College determines and issues sanctions, giving consideration to the following:

- The seriousness/severity of the incident
- The student's understanding of his or her responsibility/involvement
- The rights of others in the community
- The disciplinary record of the person(s) involved
- Any special/mitigating circumstances

Sanctions imposed for violating the College's Code of Conduct include but are not limited to the following:

## 2. Minimum Sanctions Related to Consumption/Possession of Alcohol by a Person Under 21

Other alcohol violations (such as selling alcohol, distributing alcohol to minors, or public intoxication) are subject to sanctions as determined by a hearing officer; see *Other Possible Sanctions* below.

### A. First Offense

- A fine of \$100.00.
- A letter will be sent to the student and a copy to their parents or legal guardians informing them of the violation and penalty, as well as the penalty for a second and third offense.
- Completion of alcohol education program.

### B. Second Offense

- A fine of \$200.00.
- Completion of advanced alcohol education program.
- A letter will be sent to the student and a copy to their parents or legal guardians informing them of the violation and penalty, as well as the penalty for a third offense.
- If second offense is committed within one year of the first offense, student will be placed on residence hall and College probation.

### C. Third Offense

- A fine of \$300.00.
- A letter will be sent to the student and a copy to the parents or legal guardian informing of the violation and the penalty.
- Completion of a comprehensive alcohol assessment and treatment program.
- If third offense is within one year of the first offense, student may be suspended from the College for a minimum of one semester.

## OTHER POSSIBLE SANCTIONS

### 1. Disciplinary Warning

- The student is given written warning that further misconduct will result in more severe disciplinary action.

### 2. Educational/Developmental

- The student is required to attend a program or counseling sessions, complete an online course, write a paper or report, and/or design a poster or bulletin board or other related activities.
- A student is asked to write a letter of apology to another party by a certain date. Failure to comply by that date will result in further disciplinary sanctions.
- For alcohol-related offenses, the student is required to participate in an alcohol education program. Students who do not complete the alcohol education program as assigned are fined \$50.00 in addition to having to complete the program and are considered in non-compliance with a College official.

### 3. Service Hours

- The student is required to participate in a prescribed number of service hours with the Saint Vincent College or general community.
- The type of work, service location and number of hours depend on the violation.
- Students who do not complete their service hours within the designated time period as prescribed by College officials are subject to possible fines and are considered in non-compliance with College officials.
- The hearing officer has the discretion to assign service hours in lieu of fines at the rate of three hours for every twenty-five dollars.

### 4. Restitution

- The student is required to make payment to the College, or to persons or groups, for damages incurred.

### 5. Fines

- Fines are assessed for various infractions and will be placed directly on the student's business account.
- The hearing officer has the discretion to assign fines in lieu of service hours at the rate of twenty-five dollars for every three hours.

### 6. Relocation

- The student may be required to move to another room, floor or residence hall.

### 7. Loss/limitation of Privileges

- The student will lose residence hall and/or College privileges for a temporary or permanent period of time (e.g., loss of visitation privileges, loss of privilege to attend campus student activities, loss of privilege to participate on an athletic team, loss of lottery status for residence hall placement for the following year, being barred from residing in or entering a particular residence hall for a period of time, etc.).

### 8. Residence Hall Probation

- A resident will be placed on residence hall probation; if found responsible for another violation while on residential probation, then the student will be removed from the residence halls.

### 9. Class Only Limitation

- The student will be limited to presence on campus to attend class only.

#### **10. No Contact**

- The student will be prevented from addressing or communicating with particular parties and/or individuals.

#### **11. College Probation**

- The student will be placed on College Probation; if found responsible for another residential or College violation, then the student may be removed from the College either for a period of time (suspension) or permanently (expulsion).
- While on College Probation a student may not represent the College in any public way without written consent from the Office of Student Affairs.
- A student may also be banned from the residence halls while on College Probation.

#### **12. Dismissal from the Residence Halls**

- The student is dismissed from the residence halls and must leave the residence halls within the period of time designated.
- The student may apply to the Director of Residence Life to re-enter the residence halls after the period of dismissal has expired.
- Dismissal from the residence halls automatically bans the student from entering the residence halls.
- Any entrance to or attempt to enter the residence halls after dismissal will be viewed as trespassing and charges may be pressed against the individual.
- Students dismissed from the residence halls are not entitled to any refund for room and board.

#### **13. Dismissal From the College**

- The student is dismissed from the College either in the form of suspension for a period of time or permanently (expulsion).
- Suspension requires that if the student wishes to return to the College after the period of suspension then s/he must articulate in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs the student's intent to return and why the request should be granted.
- Dismissal from the College will also result in being banned from campus either for the period of suspension or permanently in the case of expulsion.
- Cases of expulsion result in permanent separation from the College.
- Expelled students are not entitled to any refunds from the College.

**Students who fail to comply with judicial sanctions may face additional penalties.**