

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS

Statute 29 provides that Senate has the powers, duties and functions to:

- (a) regulate the discipline of the students of the University in accordance with Ordinances to be made by the Council after considering the views of the Senate.
- (b) expel any student guilty of grave misconduct after giving him or her an opportunity to appear personally and to be heard by a committee of the Senate to be established under the Ordinances.

Statute 32 provides:

Admission and Discipline of Students

- (a) Subject to these Statutes and any Ordinances and Regulations of the University, the Vice-Chancellor may:
 - (i) exclude or authorise the exclusion of any person from any part of the University or premises in use by it;
 - (ii) refuse to admit any person as a student of the University.
- (b) The Vice-Chancellor shall report any such exclusion to the Senate at its next meeting.

1. Senate

The Senate exercises general supervision over the discipline of students of the University, and may make regulations for the discipline of students of the University, both within and outside campus, subject to the terms of this Ordinance and any other Ordinances made by the Council.

2. Power of Vice-Chancellor to Suspend, Exclude or Refuse Admission

1. The Vice-Chancellor may, if he or she believes upon reasonable grounds that a student has committed a disciplinary offence within or outside the campus of the University, take one or more of the following actions:
 - (a) suspend any student from any programme or course of study;
 - (b) suspend the student from the use of any facilities, teaching materials or services;
 - (c) exclude or authorise the exclusion of any student from any part of the University or premises used by it.
2. The Vice-Chancellor must report any suspension, exclusion or refusal of admission to the Senate as soon as practicable.

3. Delegation of Powers by Vice-Chancellor

1. The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his or her powers to suspend or exclude any student to one or more of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Pro Vice-Chancellors or Deans, either generally or on such conditions as the Vice-Chancellor may set.
2. Any Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor or Dean exercising powers to suspend or exclude a student must report the suspension or exclusion to the Vice-Chancellor and to Senate as soon as possible.

4. Powers Exercisable by other University Officers

1. Subject to any general or specific restrictions the Vice-Chancellor may impose, the following members of staff may suspend students for disciplinary offences as set out in this clause
2. The person responsible for the management of any student residence may suspend or exclude any student from a student residence managed by the University if he or she believes on reasonable grounds:
 - (a) that the student has committed a disciplinary offence in relation to the student residence or its occupants; or
 - (b) that the continued residence of that student in that residence will be severely prejudicial to the quiet enjoyment of the privilege of residence by other students.

3. The suspension will remain in force until a hearing of the Student Discipline Committee, or such earlier time as the person responsible for the management of the student residence may stipulate.
4. The University or Campus Librarian, if he or she believes on reasonable grounds that a student has committed a disciplinary offence in relation to the Library or persons using the Library, exclude the student from the Library for a period not exceeding one week.
5. If the person responsible for the management of student residences or University or Campus Librarian suspends a student, he or she must report the suspension to the Vice-Chancellor or the person nominated by the Vice-Chancellor under this Ordinance as soon as possible.
A member of the teaching staff of the University may, if he or she believes on reasonable grounds that a student has committed a disciplinary offence in relation to a class, exclude that student for a period of one day from that
6. class, and report such exclusion to Dean of that Faculty as soon as possible.
7. The Dean must decide whether to refer the matter to the Vice-Chancellor or the person nominated by the Vice-Chancellor under this Ordinance for disciplinary action, and may extend the period of suspension where appropriate.
8. Where any suspension or exclusion has been reported to the Vice-Chancellor or the person nominated by the Vice-Chancellor under this Ordinance, that person must make such enquiries as he or she believes necessary and decide whether the matter is of sufficient seriousness to be referred to a Student Discipline Committee.
9. The person to whom the suspension or exclusion has been referred must keep records of all disciplinary matters referred to him or her, and where the matter has been referred to a Student Discipline Committee, the outcome of that referral.

5. Discipline Committee

1. The Student Discipline Committee of each Campus must exercise disciplinary control over the conduct of students of that campus in accordance with Regulations made by the Senate.
2. The Student Discipline Committee must report its decisions to the Senate as soon as practicable.

6. Student Discipline Appeals Committee

1. There must be a Student Discipline Appeals Committee which has authority to hear appeals from decisions of the Student Discipline Committee. Its composition and rules of procedure are to be prescribed by regulation by Senate.
2. The Student Discipline Appeals Committee must report its decisions to the Senate as soon as practicable.

7. Exercise of Powers

1. The powers conferred by this Ordinance to discipline students must be exercised so far as practicable to ensure that any student who is believed to have committed a disciplinary offence is allowed a reasonable opportunity to make representations before a decision is made to take disciplinary action against him or her.
2. One or more of the disciplinary powers set out in this Ordinance may be invoked against a student at the same time and may be heard together by the Student Discipline Committee. If a penalty has already been imposed on that student by the Student Discipline Committee, this penalty must be taken into account if the Committee is considering imposing a further penalty on the student.

8. Disciplinary Offence

A Disciplinary Offence means a breach of any provisions of the Charter, the Statutes of the University, Ordinances of the Council, Regulations of the Senate, any rules or regulations relating to student residences or of the Campus, and any other conduct which is or tends to be subversive of discipline or which tends to bring discredit to the University, its staff or its students.