

WAC 132Z-115-085 Student conduct committee—Recommended decision. (1) At the conclusion of the hearing, the student conduct committee shall permit the parties to make closing arguments in whatever form the committee wishes to receive them. The committee may permit each party to propose findings, conclusions, and/or a proposed decision for its consideration.

(2) Within twenty days following the later of the conclusion of the hearing or the receipt of closing arguments, the student conduct committee shall issue a recommended decision in accordance with RCW 34.05.461 and WAC 10-08-210. The recommended decision shall contain findings on all material issues of fact, conclusions concerning which, if any, provisions of the student conduct code were found to be violated, and any recommended sanction(s). Any findings based substantially on the credibility of evidence or the demeanor of witnesses shall be so identified.

(3) The committee chair shall cause the recommended decision to be served on the respondent, the student conduct officer, and any complainant in a proceeding involving sexual misconduct allegations. In a proceeding involving sexual misconduct allegations, the decision will state whether the sexual misconduct allegations were substantiated and will describe any sanctions or conditions recommended for the complainant's protection. The copy of the decision provided to a complainant will be redacted as needed to exclude any confidential information not relating to the sexual misconduct allegations.

(4) The committee chair shall promptly transmit the committee's recommended decision and the record of the proceedings for review by the conduct review officer who shall enter a final decision.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140. WSR 15-14-013, § 132Z-115-085, filed 6/19/15, effective 7/20/15.]