

**WAC 132Q-10-105 Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Accused student" means any student accused of violating the standards of conduct for students.

(2) "Appeals board" is a district-wide board composed of one administrator from each college appointed by the chief executive of that college. The appeals board considers appeals from a student conduct board's determination or from the sanctions imposed by the student conduct officer. The appeals board is convened by the student conduct officer.

(3) The "chief student services officer" is the vice president of student services of Spokane Community College or of Spokane Falls Community College, or a person designated by the college president to be responsible for the administration of the standards of conduct for students. The chief student services officer also serves as the Title IX coordinator for matters regarding conduct of Spokane Colleges students.

(4) "College" means Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College, and all locations of Spokane Colleges.

(5) "College official" includes any person employed by the college performing assigned duties with the exception of work study students.

(6) "College premises" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by the Spokane Colleges (including adjacent streets and sidewalks).

(7) "College president" includes the president of Spokane Falls Community College and the president of Spokane Community College. Each president is authorized to designate a chief student service officer on behalf of his or her respective institutions.

(8) "Complainant" means any member of Spokane Colleges, including employee(s), contractor(s), visitor(s), or guest(s) who submits a report alleging that a student violated the standards of conduct for students. When students believe they have been victimized by another student's misconduct, they have the same rights under these standards as are provided to the complainant, even if another member of Spokane Colleges submitted the charge itself. For the purposes of complaints involving sexual misconduct, the "complainant" is the alleged victim of sexual misconduct even if the complaint is filed by a third party including, but not limited to, complaints filed by Spokane Colleges, SFCC, or SCC.

(9) "Disciplinary action" is the process by which discipline is imposed against a student, members of a student organization, or a student organization for a violation of the standards of conduct for students by a student conduct officer, the student conduct board, the student conduct administrative panel, the appeals board, or a faculty member.

(10) "Disciplinary appeal" is the process by which an aggrieved student can appeal the discipline imposed by the chief student services officer, the student conduct officer, the student conduct board, or the student conduct administrative panel. Appeals of all appealable disciplinary action shall be determined by the appeals board.

(11) "Disciplinary hearing" is the process during which an accused student has the opportunity to respond to a complaint alleging a violation(s) of the standards of conduct for students. The accused student has the opportunity to explain what he or she did and to provide evidence that is relevant to the complaint. Alleged misconduct that would not result in suspension in excess of 10 instructional days

or an expulsion shall be reviewed through a brief adjudicative proceeding held by the student conduct officer or the student conduct board.

(12) "Faculty member" means a teacher, counselor, or librarian or person who is otherwise considered by the college to be a member of its faculty.

(13) "Filing" is the process by which a document is officially delivered to a school official responsible for facilitating a disciplinary review. Unless expressly specified otherwise, filing shall be accomplished by:

(a) Hand delivery of the document to the school official or school official's assistant; or

(b) By sending the document by email and first class mail to the recipient's college email and office address. Papers required to be filed with the college shall be deemed filed upon actual receipt during office hours at the office of the specified official.

(14) "Instructional day" means Monday through Friday, except for federal or state holidays, when students are in attendance for instructional purposes.

(15) "Member of Spokane Colleges" includes any person who is a student, faculty member, college official, guest, contractor, or visitor of Spokane Colleges. A person's status in a particular situation is determined by the chief student services officer.

(16) "Notice" or "service" is the process by which a document is officially delivered to a party. Unless expressly specified otherwise, service upon a party shall be accomplished by:

(a) Hand delivery of the document to the party; or

(b) By sending the document by email and by certified mail or first class mail to the party's last known address. Service is deemed complete upon hand delivery of document or upon the date the document is emailed and deposited into mail.

(17) "Respondent" is the student against whom disciplinary action is initiated.

(18) "Sexually violent conduct" is a sexual or gender-based violation of the standards of conduct for students including, but not limited to:

(a) Nonconsensual sexual activity including sexual activity for which clear and voluntary consent has not been given in advance; and sexual activity with someone who is incapable of giving valid consent because, for example, she or he is underage, sleeping, incapacitated due to alcohol or drugs, has an intellectual or other disability that prevents the individual from having the capacity to give consent, or is subject to duress, threat, coercion or force.

(b) Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual or gender-based stalking;

(c) Nonphysical conduct such as indecent liberties, sexual exploitation, indecent exposure, sexual exhibitionism, sex or gender-based digital media stalking, sexual or gender-based online harassment, sexual or gender-based cyberbullying, nonconsensual posting or recording of a sexual activity, and nonconsensual distribution of a recording of a sexual activity.

(19) "Student" includes a person taking courses at or through the college, either full time or part time. For the purposes of the standards of conduct for students, the term applies from the time of application for admission through the actual receipt of a degree or certificate, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end. The term also applies during the academic year, during

periods between terms of actual enrollment and includes individuals who are not officially enrolled for a particular quarter but have a continuing relationship with the college (including suspended students), and students participating in study abroad programs. "Student" also includes "student organization" and persons who withdraw after allegedly violating the standards of conduct for students.

(20) "Student organization" is a student organization, athletic team, or living group including, but not limited to, student clubs and organizations formally recognized as such, members of a class or student cohort, and student performance groups.

(21) "Student conduct administrative panel" is a panel appointed by the president of the college to hear initial complaints referred by the student conduct officer involving allegations of sexual misconduct or other misconduct which may result in a suspension of more than 10 instructional days or dismissal/expulsion from the college. The panel shall consist of three faculty members appointed by the president and two members of the administration, but not the vice president of student services, appointed by the president at the beginning of the academic year. One of the members of the administration shall serve as the chair of the committee. If that individual is not available for a hearing or has a conflict of interest, the other member of the administration shall chair the individual hearing. The chairs shall receive annual training on protecting victims and promoting accountability in cases involving allegations of sexual misconduct. The student conduct officer convenes the board and appoints the chair for each hearing. Hearings may be held by a quorum of three members of the committee so long as one faculty member and one administrator are included on the hearing panel. Committee action may be taken upon a majority vote of all committee members attending the hearing.

(22) "Student conduct board" is a board appointed by the president of the college to hear initial complaints referred by the student conduct officer to determine whether a student has violated the general standards of conduct for students, and to impose sanctions when a violation has been committed for misconduct that would result in discipline involving an academic suspension of 10 instructional days or less or a discipline not involving dismissal or expulsion from the college. The board shall have at least one member from the respective groups: Faculty, students, and administration. The student conduct officer convenes the board and appoints the chair. Hearings may be held by a quorum of three members of the committee so long as one faculty member and one student are included on the hearing panel. Committee action may be taken upon a majority vote of the committee members attending the hearing.

(23) "Student conduct officer" means the individual or individuals designated by the college president to facilitate and coordinate student conduct matters pursuant to these standards of conduct for students.

(24) "Title IX coordinator" means the vice president of student services for the college or his/her designee who is responsible for coordinating Title IX matters regarding students of Spokane Colleges who is also known as the chief student services officer.

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