

Student Conduct Committee End of Year Report

The Student Conduct Committee met on April 30, 2013 to review the 2012-2013 Student Handbook. The committee was charged with making recommendations to Administration regarding any potential changes to the handbook. The minutes from the meeting are attached.

The Student Conduct Committee is a standing committee that develops and implements policies for student conduct and other climate issues. The committee will review, revise, and recommend policy to the administration regarding student conduct. The committee was comprised of two parents, four Student Senate members, three faculty members, and is chaired by the Assistant Principal. Goals for the future are to continue to be sensitive to any issues regarding student life, as well as to annually review the student handbook.

Student Conduct Committee Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2013

In Attendance -

Members Present:

Steve Evans (administrator)

Kirsten Hany (faculty)

Tami Dean (faculty)

Mike Sondegrath (faculty)

Maria Castillo (student)

Demi Fritz (student)

Martin Coughlin (student)

Pierce Hunter (student)

Wilma Bates (parent)

Andy Moselle (parent)

Grammatical errors have been corrected

A. New Organization of Handbook

- Handbook is now arranged alphabetically (agreed upon by committee)
- Key Terms and Ideas (possibly at the beginning of the handbook)
 - Activities
 - School ground
 - School sponsored events
 - Mobile device
 - Cyberbullying

B. Student Code of Conduct

- Explicit statement that student's conduct is represented on and off of school property
- Define what school grounds means (added to glossary)
- Small grammatical changes made to hard copy
- "Participate or attend any school sponsored activity"
- Need to state that students could be punished both under the student code of conduct as well as the athletic code
- Do we need to figure out if there is a difference between being a participant in Uhigh and being involved in activities - any sort of club or sport
- Define that activities encompasses all clubs
- When does punishment take place (example: student caught drinking over the summer - when does his/her punishment begin)

C. Levels of Discipline

- Loopholes in tardy/skip policy
- Make a statement that level of defense is at the discretion of the administrator
- Define loss of privileges as administrator discretion

D. Failure to serve

- New definition
- Bold or quote the ISS and OSS
- Potential loop hole of not serving the Saturday school - students may skip sat. school -
- Add at administrators discretion

E. PDA

- Committee is good with definition

F. Cyberbullying

- Committee is good with definition
- Add "on/off" "and"
- Put in quotes
- Extends outside school hours if it disrupts educational process

G. Alcohol/Other Drug Policy

- Potential use the same language as before (school property, ISU property, school grounds, etc)
- Add "recognized health provider" "school approved provider"
- Removal of open campus privileges and/or free periods

H. Dances

- Further defined appropriate actions at school dances - approved by committee

I. Schedule Changes

- Added statements about not being able to changes sections of class due to teacher preference - approved by committee

J. Final Exams

- Possible add a statement about non-school related absences or pre-approved college visits
- CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT

- Seniors who have amassed 5 or more unexcused absences in a given class will no longer be eligible to waive the final in that given class

K. Technology

- ISU legal "OKed" technology statement
- Possible change the language to include all personal electronic devices (why is it limited to kindle, Ipad, phone)
- Referring to two products by name - is this an illegal advertisement
- Students may not use their own personal lab top - how is this different from other electronic devices
- Students representatives are uncomfortable with allowing students to access social media - feel as if it is too much of a temptation

L. Activities Code

- "grey" areas - if offense occurs over the summer when does the punishment begin
- Should students (who are not in activities) be defined differently than students who are in activities
- Highlight that being at Uhigh is a privilege not a right - present this to parents and students in that manner
- 365 for all students or no students - definition of participants is too "grey"
- Put "up to" 4 times (allows us leeway to place number of test depending on the specific substance in your system)
- list technology code on page 75