

Date: July 1, 2011

To: Paul Panayotatos, Chairperson of the Senate  
Ken Swalagin, Executive Secretary of the Senate

From: Gregory S. Blimling, Vice President for Student Affairs



Re: Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct

Attached is a black-line document showing revisions that will be made to the *Code of Student Conduct* for the fall semester 2011. Per the Code of Student Conduct requirements, I am informing you of the following revisions.

The revisions are:

- Compliance with New Jersey law and Office of Civil Rights recommendations for changes in the standard of evidence from "clear and convincing" to "preponderance" and the inclusion of violations 10(h) for harassment, intimidation, and bullying 10(p);
- Alignment of the *Code of Student Conduct* with the *Academic Integrity Policy* passed by the University Senate;
- Reduction in the use of endnotes in the Code;
- Addition of a violation addressing recklessly starting fires on campus 10(h).

All of the revisions were recommended by the University Committee on Student Conduct and were subsequently reviewed by an attorney in the General Counsel's Office.

The update on the revisions to the *Code of Student Conduct* is provided for your information.

I have also informed the members of the Board of Governors of the revisions.

Attachment

c: Richard L. McCormick, President  
Richard Edwards, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Roberta Leslie, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs