## **Governors State University**

Student Affairs and Enrollment Management: Reaching Vision 2020

## Focus Area: Community Standards and Student Advocacy

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Implementation Year: 2018-19

**GOAL 2:** Implement education and intervention efforts that increase awareness of the Student Code of Conduct and promote responsible decision making

Objective 1:	Provide outreach and education to inform students about University policies and procedures regarding Community Standards
Action Items	<ol> <li>Update Student Handbook to enhance readability and organization and distribute electronically to students at the start of each term</li> <li>Update Student Handbook website with quick policy overviews</li> <li>Train student leaders/staff regarding role of Community Standards, focusing on resident assistants and peer mentors, but also including other student leader staff</li> <li>Collaborate with University Housing to implement at least 1 program per semester about rights and responsibilities in Prairie Place</li> <li>Work with Housing to provide education around guest policy during first weeks of semester</li> <li>Include Know the Code Campaign information in student newspaper, email blasts, welcome events, etc.</li> <li>Implement Rights and Responsibilities programming for students</li> <li>Table at Student Org fair to share info about code, use Know the Code Crossword</li> </ol>
Indicators and Data Needed (Measures that will appraise progress towards the strategic objective) Responsible Person	Group evaluation and recommendations from stakeholders re: handbook and outreach Increase in awareness and prevention research and discussions Data on fall 2018 conduct to inform spring 2019 programming N. Witt Penwell
and/or Unit (Data collection, analysis reporting) Milestones (Identify Timelines)	Handbook – 8/2018, 1/2019 Housing programs – semester basis
Desired Outcomes and Achievements (Identify results	Tabling in Fall/Spring welcome weeksIncreased awareness of Student Code of Conduct; reduction in conduct violations, especially guest policy violations in housing; increased sense of community at GSU
expected)	

Objective 2:	Inform faculty and staff about the university conduct process and procedures
Action Items	<ol> <li>Electronic distribution of Student Handbook to faculty and staff at the beginning of each semester</li> <li>Attend academic college/department meetings to share information about Student Handbook, conduct process, and consultation services in Dean of Students office</li> <li>Enhance online resources for faculty/staff about reporting options and addressing disruptive student behavior</li> <li>Work with Provost Office to include Student Handbook and related resources into faculty orientation and resources guides</li> </ol>
Indicators and Data	Increase in academic misconduct and nonacademic misconduct reports from faculty and
Needed	non-housing staff members
(Measures that will	Informal assessment through conversation with SA&EM staff regarding awareness of
appraise progress	Community Standards Process
towards the strategic	
objective)	
<b>Responsible Person</b>	N. Witt Penwell
and/or Unit (Data	
collection, analysis	
reporting)	
Milestones	Handbook distribution – 8/2018 & 1/2019
(Identify Timelines)	Resources for disruptive students – Fall 2018
	Faculty orientation and resources guides – Spring 2019
<b>Desired Outcomes and</b>	Increased awareness of Student Code of Conduct; increase reporting of academic
Achievements	misconduct; consistent messaging about community standards process; reduction in
(Identify results	student concern reports re: low level disruptive classroom behavior
expected)	

Objective 3:	Implement educational sanctions that promote student learning about university policies responsible decision making, expectations for future behavior, and impact of behavior on self and others.
Action Items	<ol> <li>Update sanction resource guide to include all violations and recommended sanction guidelines</li> <li>Review vendors for online educational modules and assess cost feasibility for implementation with University Housing</li> <li>Increase sanction completion by establishing documentation detailing sanction follow-up process</li> <li>Further incorporate sanction conversation and consequence of noncompliance into conduct meeting to help students plan for possible sanctions</li> <li>Discuss options for decision making, conflict resolution, and alcohol/drug education workshops with counseling center</li> </ol>
Indicators and Data	Sanction completion data from Maxient
Needed	Sanction feedback form
(Measures that will	Reduce recidivism
appraise progress	Budget information and vendor cost
towards the strategic	
objective)	
<b>Responsible Person</b>	N. Witt Penwell
and/or Unit (Data	
collection, analysis	
reporting)	

Milestones (Identify Timelines)	End of Fall 2018, assess sanction completion compared to previous fall term Jan 2019 – complete sanction guideline document May 2019 – review vendors for online modules
Desired Outcomes and Achievements (Identify results expected)	Improved sanction completion rate, increased educational relevance of sanction for students, reduce recidivism for violations