

Discipline

In developing responsible student conduct, disciplinary proceedings play a role substantially secondary to example, counseling, guidance, and admonition. At the same time, educational institutions have a duty and the corollary disciplinary powers to protect their educational purpose through the setting of standards of scholarship and conduct for the students who attend them and through the regulation of the use of institutional facilities.

The following standards and procedures are intended to promote responsible student conduct and fair play:

A. Standards of Conduct

Monterey Peninsula College considers the following principles essential to its educational mission and its community life:

1. Mutual respect between students and faculty.
2. Pursuit of studies with honesty and integrity.
3. Respect for rights of others.
4. Courteous treatment of everyone.
5. Respect for College and personal property.
6. Compliance with all rules and regulations.

Students shall be subject to College discipline for any of the following misconduct which occurs at any time on campus or at any off-campus facility or college approved or sponsored function:

1. Dishonesty, such as plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the College;
2. Violation of examination rules, e.g. communicating

to refute them. Arbitrary actions shall not be taken by the College and a decision may be appealed. Disciplinary action that may be taken because of student misconduct includes a variety of sanctions.

Such sanctions are listed below in degree of severity, and may be applied according to the severity of the offense:

1. Admonition--An oral statement to the student offender that the student has violated college rules.
2. Warning--Notice to the student, orally or in writing, that continuation or repetition of the conduct found wrongful, within a period of time stated in the warning, may be cause for more severe disciplinary action.
3. Censure--Written reprimand for violation of a specified regulation including the possibility of more severe disciplinary action in the event of conviction for the violation of any college regulation within a period of time stated in the letter of reprimand.
4. Disciplinary Probation--Exclusion from participation in privileges or extra curricular activities as set forth in the notice of disciplinary probation for a specified period of time.

Restitution--Financial liability for damage to or misappropriation of property. Restitution may take the form of appropriate service to repair or otherwise compensate for d stwis t

3. The Vice President of Student Services

- a. Shall act directly in situations where a student has violated the local, state, or federal laws while on the College campus and shall consult with civil authorities where appropriate.
- b. Shall review each case of misconduct with involved student and determine appropriate remedies and/or sanctions.
- c. Shall carry out the recommendations of the Superintendent/ President and Disciplinary Hearing Committee.
- d. Shall inform students of institutional action and appropriate avenues of appeal.

4. The Superintendent/President

- a. Shall review and take action on all recommendations of the Disciplinary Hearing Committee.
- b. Shall recommend Governing Board action in cases of suspension and expulsion and shall make arrangements for a student appeal of such decisions.
- c. Shall act to summarily suspend any student in order to protect lives or property or to insure maintenance of order.

5. The Governing Board

- a. Shall take action on cases of suspension and expulsion and shall allow for an appeal of the decision.
- b. Shall approve all rules and regulations where infractions of such could lead to suspension or expulsion.

While final action is pending a disciplinary hearing, a student shall have the right to be present on campus and attend classes.

E. Disciplinary Hearing Committee

A student shall be granted, upon request, a hearing before a regularly constituted committee when the recommended sanction is suspension or expulsion. Prior to the request for a hearing, the student must meet with the Vice President of Student Services to discuss the case on an informal basis. For further information regarding the disciplinary hearing process, contact the office of the Vice President of Student Services.