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5200 Student Conduct and Discipline

5203 Hazing

Hazing is an intentional or reckless act directed against a student that endangers the student's physical or mental health or safety that is done for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, participating in, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization, activity, team, or social group. This Policy applies regardless of a student's consent, permission, or assumption of risk. Any student who engages in hazing may be subject to discipline.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to:

- physical brutality or punishment (e.g., whipping, beating, striking, branding, or placing a harmful substance on a student's body);
- physical activity that subjects a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects a student's physical or mental health or safety (e.g., sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, or undressing or exposing a student);
- consumption of food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substance that subjects a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects a student's physical or mental health or safety;
- an activity that induces, causes, or requires a student to commit a crime or an act of hazing;
- intentional humiliation or embarrassment of a student;
- detention or seclusion of a student; and
- other activities that subject a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affect a student's physical or mental health or safety.

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