TITLE: Disruptive Student Behaviors Due to Medical or Psychological Reasons

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Florida Statute: 1001.64, 1001.65, 1006.62, 1012.8
Florida Administrative Code: 6A-14.0301

SEE ALSO:
- Administrative Procedure 10-14AP: Disruptive Student Behaviors Due to Medical and Psychological Reasons
- Board Policy 10-12 and Administrative Procedure 10-12AP: Student Code of Conduct

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This policy has been developed for use by the appropriate college officials in handling disruptive student behaviors due to medical or psychological reasons where the matter has been referred to Student Judicial Office by the TCC Police Department or other appropriate college official.

However, in any case where the behavior of a student, regardless of reason or circumstance, substantially disrupts the orderly processes of the classroom or college and/or if a faculty/staff member has reasonable cause to believe the behavior has resulted in or may result in threatening or harmful conduct, the faculty/staff member should contact Campus Police for immediate assistance.

Campus Police will be responsible for taking the appropriate steps to refer the matter to the Student Judicial Office and/or Mental Health Professionals for immediate action. The professionals from the Student Judicial Office, Mental Health Services and/or other appropriate college officials will communicate and notify the reporting faculty/staff member as well as the appropriate academic dean(s) and vice presidents of all immediate action taken to address the matter within 48 hours of the incident is reported to Campus Police.

Tallahassee Community College (TCC) is committed to the well-being, welfare and safety of the college community and the integrity of its learning environment, while balancing the needs and
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rights of the student. There are situations that may arise where the behavior of a student due to medical or psychological reasons jeopardizes the well-being, welfare or safety of the college community and/or the student.

A student may be withdrawn from the College, if his or her disruptive behavior is a result of a medical or psychological reason, and that he/she:

1. is engaging or is likely to engage in behavior that presents a danger or harm to self or others;

2. disrupts the learning environment;

3. causes substantial property damage; or

4. renders the student unable to engage in basic activities necessary to obtain an education or satisfy basic social needs within the college community.

To address these types of behaviors, the College shall maintain up-to-date procedures to address disruptive student behaviors due to medical or psychological reasons, which include, but are not limited to the:

1. Entity, department and/or college personnel responsible for the coordination, assessment and implementation of established procedures;

2. Procedures for reporting such disruptive student behaviors;

3. Criteria and procedures used in determining whether this policy and established procedures should be enacted;

4. Specific procedures to be implemented and actions to be taken by the designated entity, department and/or college official if it is determined that this policy must be enacted;

5. Responsibilities and due process rights of the student allegedly involved in the disruptive student behavior;

6. Rights and responsibilities of the individual(s) reporting the alleged behavior(s);

7. Reasons and/or criteria when it is appropriate for a student to be immediately removed from the college in an emergency situation;

8. Reasons and/or criteria when it is appropriate for a student to be removed from the College, and the interventions/conditions for a student’s readmission to the College;

9. Reasons and/or criteria to determine whether a student can maintain his/her status at the College, and the conditions/restrictions for a student to remain at the college; and
10. Keeping, maintenance and confidentiality of records and the entity responsible for maintaining such records.

The College President is ultimately responsible for the approval of procedures and may designate the appropriate Vice President or college entity for the development, implementation, review and recommendation of such procedures and processes. This policy does not replace the College’s Student Code of Conduct or disciplinary procedures established by the College which governs a student’s behavior in violation of college policies, rules, or regulations. Therefore, it does not preclude a student’s immediate removal from the college, or any unit, class, facility or program, for disciplinary reasons in the accordance with the provisions of the Student Conduct Code if it is deemed by the designated entity and/or college official the disciplinary process is appropriate in handling the behavioral issue.