Faculty of Arts and Science Committee on Student Discipline

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Jurisdiction: Pursuant to §6430 of the New York State Education Law, all members of the New York University community are subject to the University’s Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order. University Bylaw 79(b) authorizes schools to establish rules for the guidance and conduct of students. University Bylaw 80 provides that the faculty of each school has disciplinary authority over its students and grants the University Senate power to act in situations involving more than one college or school. University Bylaw 60(c) also grants the Senate jurisdiction over educational matters and regulations affecting more than one school.

Under this authority the Faculty of Arts and Science has established a standing Committee on Student Discipline to implement policies, rules, and procedures for students in the College of Arts and Science and the Graduate School of Arts and Science. Cases involving one or more students from one of these schools and any individual whose affiliation is outside of these schools are under the jurisdiction of the Student Disciplinary Procedures established by the University Senate.

Function: To implement student discipline policies, rules, and procedures under its jurisdiction, the Faculty of Arts and Science maintains a standing Committee on Student Discipline. Its functions are to recommend rules for the guidance and conduct of students in the College of Arts and Science and the Graduate School of Arts and Science; to establish policies, rules, and procedures for the adjudication of student disciplinary infractions; and to investigate alleged student offenses, conduct hearings on complaints against students, and imposed appropriate sanctions. Disciplinary offenses within the jurisdiction of the committee include but are not limited to:

- cheating, plagiarism, falsification of data or sources, forgery of academic documents in attempt to defraud;
- destruction, theft, or unauthorized use of laboratory data, library or research materials, computer resources, or university property;
- disruption of academic events or interference with access to classrooms, laboratories, or academic offices;
- actual or threatened violence against, or assault or harassment of a student, instructor, staff member, or administrator.

Cases of behavioral misconduct in the committee’s jurisdiction include those that fall within the University’s Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy and Complaint Procedures for Students. The committee does not have jurisdiction over cases that fall within the University’s Sexual Misconduct, Relationship Violence, and Stalking Policy.

The committee need not report individual cases, but from time to time, or as charged, shall report to the faculty on its work and on its recommendations for the establishment of policies, rules, and procedures within its jurisdiction.
Composition: Nine elected full-time members of the faculty on continuing or tenure-line appointments who provide instruction in the College and/or Graduate School, with three members from each academic division (humanities, social science, natural science); three students from GSAS, and three students from CAS, also distributed across the academic divisions. The student members will be appointed by the relevant deans in consultation with the appropriate Student Councils or other student governance bodies, and additional students may be appointed in consultation with such student governance bodies as necessary for the conduct of hearings. The Deans of Students of CAS and GSAS shall be ex officio members of the committee, with voice but without vote.

Terms of Membership: Three years for the elected faculty members, with three members elected one each year from each of the academic divisions. One year for student members; or, if ad hoc, as required for the hearing of business.

Structure: The committee convenes for an organization meeting as soon as possible after the beginning of the fall semester and meets thereafter only as necessary for the conduct of business. The committee Chair is elected annually at the fall organizational meeting from among the nine elected faculty members.