CHAPTER 4: Violations of the Student Code of Conduct[1]

A Violation is committed when a Student or a Registered Student Organization:

1. Fails to comply with guidance set forth by the University, federal, state and/or local authorities regarding public health and/or safety.

2. Engages in conduct which is disorderly, lewd, or indecent or a breach of peace; or aids, abets, or procures another to do the same.

3. Possesses, consumes, or is under the influence of alcoholic beverages if under the age of 21, or dispenses alcoholic beverages to an individual who is under the age of 21.

4. Is knowingly present during the commission of the Violation(s) of "possesses or consumes alcoholic beverages if under the age of 21 or dispenses alcoholic beverages to an individual who is under the age of 21."

5. Consuming, carrying, or possessing an open container of alcoholic beverages in the public right-of-way, or on private property without the consent of the landowner or tenant, except as permitted by law.

6. Operates a motor vehicle while impaired by or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

7. Uses, misuses, possesses, distributes, manufactures, sells, or is under the influence of narcotics, hallucinogens, dangerous drugs, controlled or illicit substances except as permitted by law, or possesses paraphernalia which can be demonstrated to be linked to drug activity, such as pipes with drug residue. The use or possession of marijuana (medical or otherwise) in the workplace and on campus is restricted by federal laws, such as the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug-Free Workplace Act. Accordingly, the University of Pittsburgh prohibits the use or possession of marijuana on campus.

8. Is knowingly present during the commission of Violation(s) of "uses, misuses, possesses, distributes, manufactures, sells, or is under the influence of narcotics, hallucinogens, dangerous drugs, controlled or illicit substances except as permitted by law, or possesses paraphernalia which can be demonstrated to be linked to drug activity, such as pipes with drug residue."

9. Without authority or consent, limits, or restricts the freedom of a person to move about in a lawful manner.

10. Physically abuses, injures or endangers a person's health, welfare or safety.

[1] Please note that just because the expression of an idea or point of view may be offensive or inflammatory, it is not necessarily a Violation of the Code. The University values freedom of expression and the open exchange of ideas, and the expression of controversial ideas and differing views is a vital part of the University's mission.

11. Threatens, intimidates, coerces, or uses physical force in a manner which causes another person to be reasonably apprehensive or which endangers a person's health, welfare or safety.

12. Harassment. Harassment may occur through verbal, physical, or electronic means when: 1. The conduct is severe or pervasive and objectively and subjectively has the effect of: a. Unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or equal access to education; or b. Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or academic environment; or 2. Such conduct, if repeated, is reasonably likely to meet the standard set forth in number 1 immediately above. Harassment can occur on University premises or, under limited circumstances, off campus. It can occur between people of the same or different protected group statuses.

13. Violates the Sexual Misconduct Policy or Title IX Policy including, but not limited to:
    a. Sexual Assault
    b. Relationship Violence
    c. Sexual Harassment
    d. Stalking/Cyberstalking

14. Assists in the Violation of the Sexual Misconduct Policy or Title IX Policy.

15. Violates the University of Pittsburgh Anti-Hazing Policy.

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17. Operates an unregistered Student Organization, including, but not limited to fraternities/sororities and club sports, or organizes or sponsors any event or activity that promotes or gives the impression or appearance that the group is a Registered Student Organization.

18. Providing assistance to or in any way perpetuating the activities of an Underground Group. An "Underground Group" is defined as a formerly recognized Registered Student Organization or group that has lost or been denied university registration or recognition or dissolved as a consequence of responsibility for Code and/or other policy Violations, even if operating under a different name.

19. Violates or assists in the Violation of any University policy, procedure or guideline including, but not limited to the following:
    a. University of Pittsburgh Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy
    b. University of Pittsburgh Registered Student Organization Registration Guidelines
    c. University of Pittsburgh William Pitt Union Student Alcohol Policy
    d. University of Pittsburgh Drug Free Workplace/Drug Free Schools Policy
    e. University of Pittsburgh Smoking Policy
    f. Any Fraternity and Sorority Life policy
    g. Housing and Dining Services Contract, any Registered Student Organization policy, the Club Sports Handbook
    h. Any Computing Services and Systems Development Policy
    i. Any provision of the University of Pittsburgh Posting and Chalking Guidelines
    j. Any provision of the University of Pittsburgh Demonstration Guidelines