

09/17/2008

### Disciplinary (Allegations) Form

CASE 4375 00

Accused Student (Respondent) Name:

Kara Spencer

PID:

[REDACTED]

Local Address:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Telephone:

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth:

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Accuser (Complainant) Name and CO-Comp:

Randall Hall

Title:

Other

Local Address:

301 Computer Center, Michigan State Univ  
East Lansing, mi 48824

Telephone:

2-5340

Submit Date:

09/17/2008

Name of Possible Counsel:

Name of Possible Witnesses: Dr Katherine Gross. John Gorentz. Randall Hall

Date of Alleged Violations:

09/15/2008 - //

Time:

Location:

via Email

What regulations or University policy did the respondent allegedly violate? (Please cite source)

GSR-3.04 No student shall represent a group falsely or use the resources of a group without proper authorization.  
GSR-4.05 No student shall use any University facility, equipment, or materials except for their authorized purposes.

Network Acceptable Use Policy

How did the respondent violate these regulations?

The student broke the Michigan State University Acceptable Use of Computing Systems, Software, and the University Digital Network (administrative ruling) and the Guidelines for use of bulk e-mail by sending unsolicited emails to users of the MSU Network. The student was informed of the proper procedures to follow and flatly refused to obtain the proper permissions stating that she would continue to send emails out and demanded that I file charges against her. A complaint was received by my office from a Dr Katherine Gross by way of John Gorentz who is a KBS computer support person. The student admitted sending the emails to a number of faculty and stated her intention to continue breaking the Network Acceptable Use Policy by continuing to send out bulk unsolicited emails (ie: SPAM). As for GSR 3.04, "No student shall represent a group falsely or use the resources of a group without proper authorization.", the student used MSU computing resources in a way contrary to the guidelines which clearly state that proper authorization is needed to send bulk emails. Although the user sent the emails from a gmail account, the emails were distributed to the recipients through the MSU Network and were relayed using MSU email servers to MSU email accounts. Likewise, sending bulk email without proper authorization constitutes a breach of GSR 4.05 as sending bulk email through the MSU Network is not the intended use of MSU computing resources. Although open to some interpretation GSR 4.08 and 5.02 may also apply, as bulk email is often likened to the the electronic equivalent of junk mail, billboard, posters, etc. and is considered a disruption of the activities of the person receiving the email