

# **Student Conduct Activity Report: FY17**

### **Overview**

Student conduct at UAS is collaboratively managed between Residence Life staff and the Dean of Student Office. This report represents all student conduct incidents on the Juneau campus during the 2016-2017 academic year. There were no incidents elevated to the level of a Student Conduct process on the Sitka or Ketchikan campuses, though one student complaint was processed from Sitka and resolved collaboratively between the Campus Director, faculty member, and Dean of Students.

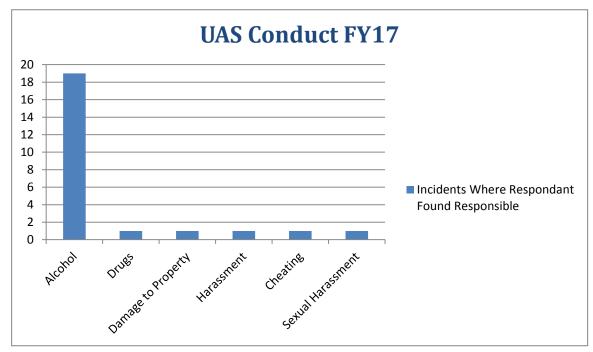
Staff managing conduct at UAS follows the policies and regulations set by the University of Alaska Board of Regents. There is an anticipated update to the BOR policies driven by Title IX compliance that have recently been adopted and will be reflected in future conduct processes.

The statewide implementation of the Maxient conduct software has been a major project in the past year. The system is now live and as UAS staff develop proficiency within the system, it should be a net gain for efficiency, effectiveness, and compliance.

## **2016-2017** Activity

During 2016-2017 26 students participated in the Student Conduct adjudication process, some acting as the respondent for multiple violations and receiving outcomes including responsible and not responsible. Residence Life staff respond regularly to low level violations of residence life policy that may not rise to the level of a conduct violation and are resolved informally. The most common housing policy violations include excessive noise and failure to comply with guest policies.

The chart below shows the number of occurances of each conduct violation where a student was found responsible that occurred on the Juneau campus. Of these incidents, all but three (cheating, harassment, and sexual harassment) occurred in the residential area. Note, while there are 16 designators in the BOR policy, one 6 occurred with a finding of responsible in FY 17 at UAS.



#### **Conduct Process**

There are several key steps within the Student Code of Conduct that protect a student's due process rights. Those steps are outlined here:

- Notification: students are notified, in writing, of alleged violations of student conduct.
- Investigation: includes meeting with the student alleged to have violated conduct, any individual(s) making the allegation and any witnesses noted by both parties.
- Findings: a written summary of the results of the investigation, including recommendation for sanctions (if applicable) and process for appeal.
- Appeal: students found responsible for violating the Code of Conduct can appeal the findings and assigned allegations.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

| Staff Member  | Scope of Conduct Responsibilities   |
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| Eric Scott, Dean of Students & Campus Life, Chief Conduct Officer               | Investigation mainly for conduct that takes place outside of Residence Life and major violations of conduct for any UAS student. Responsible for ensuring student's rights and responsibilities through enforcing the Student Code of Conduct. Provides training and consult to students, staff, faculty and other interested parties as needed. Serves as appeal for Residence Life conduct process. |
| Paul Dorman, Associate<br>Director of Residence Life                            | Investigation through findings for all mid-level violations of conduct for students living on campus.   |
| Nathan Bodenstadt, First Year<br>Experience Advisor                             | Investigation through findings for minor violations of conduct taking place in the freshman residence hall.   |
| Em Rademaker, Residence Life<br>Coordinator                                     | Investigation through findings for minor violations of conduct taking place in apartments and Banfield hall.  |
| Joe Nelson, Vice Chancellor for<br>Enrollment Management and<br>Student Affairs | Primarily appeal reviews; Serves as a back up to the Conduct Administrator.   |
| Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services                       | Serves as back up for Vice Chancellor Nelson to review appeals only.  |
| Rick Caulfield, Chancellor  | Final decision for major sanction decisions recommended from the Conduct Officer through a Vice Chancellor level review.  |

## **Maxient Implementation**

Statewide cooperation towards the implementation of the Maxient software began in Fall 2016 with the collection of data, policies, sanctions, geographic identifiers, and user lists for all three campuses. Eric Scott was the UAS representative for the work group and compiled data on behalf of all users. The system, which was already in use at Fairbanks, was custom rebuilt for statewide use. The structure of the system was completed in June 2017 and a statewide training was held in Anchorage in July 2017. Eric Scott attended in person, while Title IX, HR, and Residence Life staff attended via videoconference. Shortly thereafter, Title IX began use of the system. UAS Student Conduct began using the system in August 2017. The final stage in the implementation process will be the migration of existing closed cases into the system for reporting and informational purposes. This step will be completed with Maxient support in Fall 2017.