

*Academic Governing Council*  
**Decision Form**  
Student Code of Conduct

*This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.*

Decision: Student Code of Conduct

Note that this was a vote to endorse the revised Student Code of Conduct, and not a vote to approve an academic policy.

Proposed Policy:

Changes to the former Student Code of Conduct include:

- Addition of a Student Rights section
- Formatting
- Removed Athletics section – moved to their handbook
- Removed Student Organization section – moved to their handbook
- Added definitions for Accused student, Complainant, Cyber Stalking, Cyber Bullying, Student Group or Organization
- Edited definition from “school days” to “business days”
- Added Interpretation and Revision section
- Rearranged (put in alpha order)
- Added Bullying and Sexual Misconduct sections
- Expanded sanctions section
- Expanded language
- Afforded both parties equal rights
- Change to appeal process
- Tobacco Free Update (E-cigarettes, Medical Marijuana)

(Please see full Student Code of Conduct language at the end of this form.)

Rationale:

- The mission of Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC or the College) is to provide the community with learning opportunities that enable people to achieve their goals. In order to achieve its mission, the College must foster a secure learning environment by protecting people, property and processes. The Student Code of Conduct sets forth expectations for individuals who choose to become part of the College community. Students attending GRCC are responsible for adhering to GRCC’s Student Code of Conduct, rules and regulations, college policies and for compliance with all local, state and federal laws.
- AGC is asked specifically to provide input on direct academic components (Academic Dishonesty, Classroom Conduct, and Student Rights); the document then moves to Cabinet for final review.

Supporting Data:

- Faculty focus groups were convened in spring 2013; a smaller review team included representatives of faculty, Enrollment, General Counsel, and Student Affairs. Academic Deans and DHs/PDs provided input, and the Code was discussed at AGC meetings in January, February, and March 2014

Implications for Action:

- AGC has voted to endorse the revised Student Code of Conduct, which will then go to GRCC's Cabinet for review and approval.
- Code review is a collaborative process; the Cabinet will receive the same information that AGC received.
- AGC has decision making authority over the academic components, and Cabinet has purview over the rest.
- Provost/Deans are representatives of the voice of AGC at Cabinet and can support the decisions made by AGC if questioned.

Evaluation Plan:

This policy should be reviewed again at the date determined by the GRCC Policy committee once the policy is approved by that body. At that time, we will include it on the AGC agenda for consideration of the academic portion of the document.

Date of Decision by AGC: April 8, 2014

Response from Provost:

The Provost endorses the Student Code of Conduct as endorsed by the AGC effective August 13, 2014.

