

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

BOARD POLICY No. 4906

Illicit Drug Policy

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Date Reviewed:

References:

Students are not permitted to possess, distribute, consume, sell, or purchase illicit drugs, nor are they permitted to be under the influence of illicit drugs, on COM-FSM campuses, at COM-FSM approved or sponsored events, on COM-FSM properties or in the buildings, vehicles or boats used by COM-FSM for its educational or recreational programs. Any violation of the illicit drug policy will result in a referral to the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will range as described below.

A. *First Offense.*

1. Disciplinary suspension for up to one year. Suspension will be initiated at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.
2. Referral for up to fifteen hours of drug/alcohol education/counseling, which must be completed prior to reinstatement after suspension, or completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee, if the penalty prescribed, is less than suspension.
3. Any measures short of disciplinary suspension if, in the view of the Disciplinary Committee, such measures will reasonably enforce the goals of the illicit drug policy, such as probation for one year.
4. Referral of the matter to local law enforcement authorities if appropriate.

B. *Second Offense.* A second violation of the illicit drug policy is one that is within the same semester as the first offense. Penalties will range up to the following:

1. Disciplinary suspension for up to four years.
2. Prohibition on the student from even entering the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus, state campuses, or FSM-FMI for up to four years.
3. Referral for up to thirty hours of drug/alcohol education/counseling, which must be completed prior to reinstatement after suspension, or completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee, if the penalty prescribed, is less than suspension.
4. Any measures short of disciplinary suspension if, in the view of the Disciplinary Committee, such measures will reasonably enforce the goals of the illicit drug policy.
5. Reference of the matter to local law enforcement authorities if appropriate.

C. *More Than Two Offenses.* In the event any student commits and is to be disciplined for more than two offenses during the school year, the Disciplinary Committee may use its discretion and impose an appropriate penalty up to suspension.

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- D. *Failure to Comply with Assigned Disciplinary Actions.* Non-compliance by the student of assigned disciplinary actions will result in the withholding of grades and/or transcripts until written notice of compliance has been filed with the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services (VPEMSS) or the Campus Dean/Director. This VPEMSS or the Campus Dean/Director will be responsible to provide the appropriate lists to the Office of Admissions, Records and Retention. The withholding of grades can interfere with the ability of the student to obtain future financial aid for his/her schooling. Failure to complete counseling and other requirements inside the given time constraints under any discipline imposed may result in the denial of the student to register for continued classes.
- E. *Violations of the Illicit Drug Policy Involving Violence.* If any violation of the illicit drug policy involves violence, the discipline imposed and penalties prescribed will be those found under the Prohibition of Violence policy.
- F. *Violations of the Illicit Drug Policy Involving Alcohol.* The Disciplinary Committee may consider previous violations of the alcohol policy or violation of the alcohol policy in the same incident as the violation of the illicit drug policy in determining the level of appropriate discipline to be issued.
- G. *Immediate Suspension Allowed.* A student charged with any offense under this illicit drug policy may be immediately suspended from the college by the administration, pending the holding of the Disciplinary Hearing and issuance of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.