

# COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

## BOARD POLICY No. 4909

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### Policy on Acts of Violence

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Date Reviewed:

References:

Student may not commit an act of violence on any COM-FSM campus, at any COM-FSM approved or sponsored event, on any COM-FSM property, or in any COM-FSM building, vehicle or boat used by COM-FSM for its educational or recreational programs, or against members of the COM-FSM community wherever the act of violence may take place. Any violation as described above will result in a referral to the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will range as described below.

#### A. *First Offense.*

1. Referral for up to thirty hours of professional education/counseling, which must be completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee and prior to reinstatement after suspension.
2. Disciplinary suspension for up to one year.  Restitution, if appropriate.
3. Any measures short of disciplinary suspension if, in the view of the Disciplinary Committee, such measures will reasonably enforce the goals of the policy.
4. Referral of the matter to local law enforcement authorities, if appropriate.

#### B. *More than Two Offenses.* A second offense for a violation of the acts of violence policy is one that occurs within the same semester of the first offense. The following semester begins on the first day of the term. Penalties will range as described below:

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

#### C. *More than Two Offenses.* In the event that a student is to be disciplined for more than two offenses during the school year, the Disciplinary Committee may impose the highest discipline allowed for that offense.

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- D. *Immediate Suspension.* A student charged with any offense under this 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.
- E. *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 or the Campus Dean/Director, who 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.

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