INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR ADVISORS

A student involved as a principal party in a disciplinary review is permitted to have one advisor of the student’s choice present for support during a Student Conduct Review. To protect the privacy of those involved, all advisors are required to sign a confidentiality agreement prior to attending an interview or otherwise participating in the university’s student conduct process. The use of electronic devices is not permitted during the Student Conduct Review.

1. In all stages of a Student Conduct Review, the university’s primary conversation shall be with the student. The advisor may not speak or act for the student.

2. The advisor’s role is to support the student. This may include taking notes for the student, assisting the student in keeping documents organized, and generally ensuring that the student presents all pertinent facts. Advisors may assist the student in ways that do not disrupt or obstruct the progress of the review.

3. The advisor is not an advocate and may not represent or speak on behalf of the student. The advisor may not testify in or obstruct an interview, or disrupt the process. The OCE judicial officer has the right to determine what constitutes appropriate behavior of an advisor and take reasonable steps, (which may include excluding the advisor from the process) to ensure compliance with this policy.

4. An advisor may not be a witness or have any conflicting role in the process or with a party.

5. Although the Student Conduct Code affords significant procedural protections in the adjudicatory process, it does not include the right to be represented by legal counsel. The student's advisor may be a practicing attorney only for cases in which criminal charges are pending or the recommended sanctions include expulsion, suspension, revocation of degree or revocation of admission. When the student chooses to utilize a licensed attorney, it is the student's responsibility to notify the Office of Community Expectations at least three business days prior to the scheduled review. When the advisor is an attorney, the university may also have an attorney present. Note: The process will not be unreasonably delayed to accommodate the schedule of the advisor.

   Students and their advisors must respect that the Student Conduct review is an administrative and educational process. It does not follow the formal rules of evidence and procedure practiced in other forums. The hearing’s educational context and purpose require that advisors limit their role as described above.

6. In their role, an advisor may learn or be given access to confidential student information. The advisor agrees that they will not copy, distribute, post, alter, or make public any such information, and that this obligation will continue after the investigation and appeal is completed.

Advisor Full Name (Please Print)____________________________________________________________

Advisor Signature________________________________________________

Date_______________________

I understand that my student conduct records are confidential and a written waiver of confidentiality is required of me in order for the issue to be discussed with the person listed above. Accordingly, I hereby waive my right to confidentiality in reference to the individuals listed above by signing this document.