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Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 academic year. The Student Affairs division plays a vital role in fulfilling the University’s mission to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in their professional careers, as well as in their personal lives. Our programs, initiatives and student interactions focus on ensuring student learning outside the classroom, improving student satisfaction and encompassing the principles of Franciscan values.

We welcome and encourage your participation in the extensive educational, spiritual and social programs the University has to offer. As you take advantage of the many opportunities available to you at St. Bonaventure University, we expect all students to become familiar with and abide by federal, state and local laws, in addition to the policies and guidelines outlined by St. Bonaventure University.

The Code of Conduct outlines the responsibilities all students have as members of the St. Bonaventure University community. We want you to become familiar with this document so that you understand the expectations we have of students to contribute positively to our community. Students will be held accountable when their actions are determined to be incongruent with the mission of St. Bonaventure University or determined contrary to the law or University Policy.

If you have any questions about anything in the Code of Conduct please stop by the Office of Student Affairs on the second floor of Reilly Center. I look forward to having the opportunity to meet all of you, as we work together to make the most of your collegiate experience.

Warmly,

Kathryn O’Brien
Vice President for Student Affairs
FRANCISCAN PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make us an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be
Consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

ALMA MATER

With myrtle wreath we'll deck thy brow
Bona's, old St. Bona's.
Thy verdant leaves our love avow,
Bona's, old St. Bona's
Thy name was ever fair and bright;
We'll keep it thus with memory's light
And laud thy glorious Brown and White,
Bona's old St. Bona's.

Our hearts shall ever be thy shrine
Bona's, old St. Bona's.
Around thy name shall honor twine
Bona's, old St. Bona's.
E'er hallowed shall thy memory grow
Though years have fled and years shall flow,
Within our souls thy love shall grow,
Bona's, old St. Bona's.

COLLEGE COLORS

The school colors are brown and white, derived from the characteristic garb of the Franciscan friars. This is a brown robe, called a “habit,” and made in the shape of the cross. A white rope, called a “cord,” is worn around the waist of the Franciscan friars. On the cord are three knots representing the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience.
St. Bonaventure University Mission Statement and Values

St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence as informed by our Franciscan and liberal arts traditions. In the words of our patron, we believe that there should be “no knowledge without love,” and thus seek to transform the lives of our students, inspiring in them a lifelong commitment to service and citizenship.

St. Bonaventure embraces students, faculty and staff of all faiths and cultures and strives to bring out the best in every individual through meaningful relationships. As an academic and spiritual community, we endeavor to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in their professional careers and personal lives.

Our Values

Our Franciscan COMMUNITY affirms the unique dignity of everyone, each person reflecting the goodness of God, and invites all of our sisters and brothers to forge bonds of mutual acceptance and understanding that create a true sense of belonging.

We are a COMMUNITY…
- Nurturing COMPASSION
- Seeking WISDOM
- Building INTEGRITY

COMPASSION: We are convinced that all of creation is God’s gift, an awareness that calls forth a sense of solidarity with everyone and everything. As images of God, we strive to share God’s unconditional love, particularly with those on the margins of society – the needy, the ignored, and the excluded.

WISDOM: We are convinced that education must be transformative of the whole person, concerned not only with the intellect, but also with the will, the heart, and the body. Education must be eminently practical, not just about learning concepts and skills, but discerning how to truly live humanly, deeply and well in the world.

INTEGRITY: We are convinced that each of us must accept responsibility for our actions, and that our relationships should be based on respect for the dignity of others, honesty, and transparency, realizing that the values we espouse mean little unless they are embodied in our personal and professional lives.
Violent Felony Offenses

All violent felony offenses reported to the University, occurring on campus or on University-owned property, will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency. Anyone wishing to report a violent felony should do so through Safety and Security Services.

Missing Persons

The University must report all missing persons immediately to local law enforcement. “Missing person” means any student of St. Bonaventure University who resides in a facility owned or operated by the University, and who is reported to the University as missing from his or her on-campus residency for 24 hours or more. However, the University is not required to wait 24 hours before reporting to law enforcement.

The University will also contact any person designated by the student as their “Missing Person Contact” should the student be determined to be missing for 24 hours or more. All residential students are encouraged to file information of their “Missing Person Contact” during check-in at his/her residence hall. If a student does not register this information, the University will notify the student’s parent or legal guardian, and/or latest emergency contact information on file.

If a student is under 18 years of age, the University must contact the student’s parent or legal guardian no later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined missing.

How to Report a Crime and/or Emergency On-Campus

Medical Emergency Dial 716-375-2525 or 9-1-1

Every student, faculty and staff member should take a moment to input the number for Safety and Security Services into their phone (716-375-2525). You can also dial 911, whether you are on campus or off. To expedite appropriate emergency response, be prepared to give your exact location, the nature of the emergency, and as many details about the situation as possible.

The Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT), a volunteer organization staffed by certified students who are advised and work with Health Services, assists Safety and Security Services in responding to medical and other emergencies. Calling Safety and Security Services dispatches MERT until additional personnel can arrive from off-campus agencies if needed.
There are “blue light” phones located around campus in case of emergency. Picking up the phone will immediately put you in touch with Safety and Security Services. Additionally, there are yellow emergency call boxes located at the entrance of most residence halls on campus. If you push the large red button, it will immediately put you in touch with Safety and Security Services.

**Reporting a Crime in Progress/Active Threat dial 716-375-2525 or 9-1-1**

If you are a witness to a crime in progress, stay calm and assess the situation. Determine the location of the threat if possible, and dial Safety and Security Services (or 911 if you do not have the number for Safety and Security) as soon as it is safe to do so. Be prepared to give the location and nature of the threat/incident, the name and/or description of all persons involved, and the person’s direction of travel and description of vehicles if applicable.

**Reporting a Crime**

*Safety and Security Services* (716-375-2525, located on the First Floor of Robinson Hall) is the office to which all crime should be reported, whether it is a crime in progress, crime that has already happened, or crime that does not require immediate assistance.

**Campus Security Authorities:**
The Jeanne Clery Act mandates that certain crimes are reported for inclusion in the annual security report. In an effort to achieve the most accurate statistics possible the Jeanne Clery Act has identified Campus Security Authorities as mandated reporters. Campus Security Authority is a Clery specific term that encompasses four groups of individuals:

- A campus police or security department
- Any individual(s) who have responsibility for campus security, but do not constitute a campus police or security department
- Any individual or organization specified in an institution’s statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.
- An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including but not limited to, student housing, student discipline and campus judicial proceedings.

CSAs must report information about any Clery reportable crime, including Sexual Assault, Dating or Domestic Violence, and Stalking, to the Director for Safety and Security Services. They are required to report non-personally identifiable information (nature, date, time, general location, current disposition). CSAs will generally be able to honor a reporting party’s request to anonymously report an incident. In compliance with the Clery Act, the University will complete publicly available record keeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, excluding any personally identifying information. A full list of CSAs can be found in St. Bonaventure University’s Annual Security Report.

***Resident Assistants must report all information to the Residence Director On-Duty and are not permitted to withhold personally identifiable information.***

**SBU Silent Witness Program** – may be accessed at MySBU.edu. Information reported through the silent witness program is utilized to help provide direction for investigation. It is checked periodically, and should never be used to report an emergency or crime in progress.

*Also, you may contact a Residence Director or Resident Assistant AT ANY TIME for support. If you cannot locate a residence life staff member, you can call Safety and Security Services, and they will contact the Residence Director on-duty to assist you.*
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), St. Bonaventure University (the “University”) adopts the following policy:

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. EDUCATION RECORDS. Education records are those records maintained by the University that directly relate to a student. Education records do not include: records of instructional, administrative and educational personnel that are in the sole possession of the maker and not accessible to anyone other than a temporary substitute; records of campus security maintained solely for security purposes and accessible only to security personnel; and student health records.

2. EXPLANATION OF RECORDS. The University will respond to reasonable requests for explanation or interpretation of education records.

3. FERPA COORDINATOR. The Registrar’s office has been designated to coordinate FERPA procedures.

4. RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE UNIVERSITY. Education records covered by FERPA and maintained by the University are: admissions, personal, academic, and financial files; and academic and placement records.

5. ANNUAL NOTICE. On an annual basis the University will notify students currently in attendance at the University of their rights under FERPA. The content of this notice will be in compliance with all federal regulations enacted under FERPA.

B. REVIEW AND CHALLENGE TO CONTENT OF RECORDS

1. RIGHT TO INSPECT. Except as limited below, students have the right to inspect and review information contained in their education records, to challenge their content, to have a hearing if the outcome of that challenge is unsatisfactory to them, and to submit explanatory statements for inclusion in their education records if the decision of the hearing is against them. Student health records, while not considered education records under this policy, may be reviewed at the student’s request by a physician of the student’s choosing.

2. LIMITATIONS ON RIGHT TO INSPECT. Education records excepted from the right to inspect and review outlined in paragraph 6 are:
   a) Education records containing information about more than one student, (in which case the University will permit access only to that part of the record that pertains to the inquiring student);
   b) financial records;
   c) confidential letters and recommendations placed in the student’s file prior to Jan. 1, 1975, that are used solely for the purpose for which they were intended; or
   d) confidential letters and recommendations placed in the student’s file after Jan. 1, 1975, to which the student has freely waived his or her rights of inspection and review in a signed statement, and which are associated with admissions, application for employment, or receipt of honors. If a student has waived the right of inspection under this section, the University will, upon request, give the student
names of persons providing confidential letters of recommendation. A student may prospectively revoke such waiver with a signed statement.

3. PROCEDURES TO REQUEST INSPECTION. Students wishing to review their education records must make written requests to the Office of the Registrar listing the item or items of interest. Records covered by FERPA will be made available to a student within 45 days of request. Students may have copies of their records made by the University at the students’ expense and at the price of 10 cents per page. The University will not destroy an education record if there is an outstanding request to inspect it.

4. RIGHT TO CHALLENGE CONTENT OF RECORDS. Students who believe that their education records contain information that is inaccurate or misleading, or is otherwise in violation of their privacy or other rights, may request the University to amend the records through written application to the Registrar. The Registrar will decide within a reasonable period of time whether or not to amend the record as requested. If the University decides not to amend the record, it will inform the student of this decision and of the student’s right to a hearing.

5. RIGHT TO A HEARING. A student’s request for the hearing provided for in Paragraph 9 must be made in writing to the Vice President for Academic Affairs who, within a reasonable period of time after receiving such request, will inform the student of the date, place and time of the hearing. The student may present evidence relevant to the issues raised and may be assisted or represented at the hearings by one or more persons of the student’s choice, including an attorney, at the student’s expense. The panel that will decide such hearings will be composed of three administrators who have no direct interest in the outcome of the hearing (the “Panel”) appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Decisions of the Panel will be final, will be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing, and will consist of written statements summarizing the evidence and stating the reasons for the decisions, and will be delivered to all parties concerned. The education records will be corrected or amended in accordance with the decisions of the Panel if the decision is in favor of the student, and the student will be so informed in writing. If the decision is against the student, the student may place a statement in the education records commenting on the information in the records, or setting forth any reasons for disagreeing with the decisions of the Panel. This statement will be maintained as part of the education records, and released whenever the records in question are disclosed.

C. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

1. DISCLOSURE. Personally Identifiable Information is any information that would make the student’s identity easily traceable. Except as such disclosure is permitted by law, no one outside the University shall have access to, nor will the University disclose, such information from a student’s education records without the signed written consent of the student specifying: the records which may be disclosed, the purpose of the disclosed and the identity of the parties to whom disclosure is made. Under FERPA disclosure absent consent is permitted:
   a) To personnel within the University whom the University has determined have legitimate educational interest in the information. Only those employees of the University, individually or collectively, acting in the students’ educational interests are allowed access to student education records. These employees include faculty and personnel in the Offices of:

   Dr. Joseph Zimmer                              Daniel Hungerford
   Provost and Vice President for                 Vice President for Finance &
   Academic Affairs (see Registrar)               Administration (Financial Records)

   Kathryn O’Brien                               Mr. Timothy Kenney
   Vice President for Student Affairs             Director of Athletics
   (Discipline)                                   (Athletics)
All on a need-to-know basis:
b) To officials of other institutions in which students seek to enroll;
c) To authorized representatives of federal, state or local government requesting access to the educational records in connection with an audit or evaluation of federal- or state-supported educational programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with federal legal requirements that relate to those programs;
d) To persons or organizations providing student financial aid which the student has received, or for which the student has applied, provided that the information requested is necessary to determine eligibility for aid, the amount of aid, the conditions for aid or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid;
e) To organizations conducting studies for the University to develop, validate or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction, provided that this information may be used only by such organization and will be destroyed when no longer needed;
f) To accrediting agencies carrying out their accreditation function;
g) To persons in compliance with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena, provided that in advance of compliance, the University will make a good-faith effort to notify the student of the order or subpoena; and
h) To persons in an emergency in order to protect the health or safety of students or other persons.

2. DIRECTORY INFORMATION. “Directory Information” is information contained in a student’s education record which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The University has designated the following types of information as directory information: student name, permanent and college addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail address, photograph, Commencement video, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height of members of athletic teams.

3. DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION. Under FERPA, directory information may be disclosed by the University for any purpose at its discretion. Currently enrolled students may withhold disclosure of any or all directory information pertaining to them by notifying the Registrar in writing no later than five (5) days after the first day of class in the fall semester to this effect. Requests for non-disclosure will be honored by the University for only one academic year; therefore, requests to withhold directory information must be filed annually.

4. DISCLOSURE RECORDS. The University will maintain a record of each request for access to and each disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student’s education record, unless the request is from the student, University personnel, or a person with consent, or is for student directory information. This record will include the name of the party requesting the information and their interest in it. This record will be maintained with the student’s education records.

D. COMPLAINTS

1. COMPLAINTS. Students who believe that the University has failed to accord them their rights under FERPA may file complaints with The Family Policy and Regulations Office, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202.
Changes in University Regulations
The Board of Trustees of the University reserves the right to advance the requirements for admission, to change
the courses, the requirements for graduation, degrees, tuition, fees and regulations affecting the student body.
Such regulations will apply to all old and new students and will go into effect on the date when promulgated by
the University. This places the responsibility on each student to keep himself/herself informed of the content of
all notices.

Campus Security Act of 1990/Campus Crime Statistics
Pursuant to Federal Regulation 34.688.47, St. Bonaventure University makes available to prospective
students and employees, distributes to all enrolled students and active employees, an annual security report
which lists information about campus crime and criminal arrests. This annual report is available in brochure
form through the Office of Safety and Security, the Admissions Office, the Student Affairs Office and the
Office of Human Resources. St. Bonaventure University also distributes the report electronically. Access
to this report is available through the U.S. Department of Education Web site link:

The Advisory Committee on Campus Safety will provide upon request all campus crime statistics as
reported to the United States Department of Education.

University Policies for Students with Disabilities
Under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act
(ADA) of 1990, St. Bonaventure University is mandated to make reasonable accommodations for otherwise
qualified students with disabilities. These limitations may include visual or auditory impairments, learning
disabilities, orthopedic involvement, mobility impairment or other medical conditions. Individuals with
non-visible disabilities, such as seizure disorder, head trauma, emotional illness or diabetes may also be
entitled to receive support services. Specific accommodations will be arranged with each student
depending on the type and extent of the disability. The full policy statement entitled “St. Bonaventure
University Policy Statement – Students with Disabilities” is available in Appendix Z, Housing
Accommodations Policies and Procedures in Appendix L, and Service Animal and Emotional Support
Animal Policy and Procedures in Appendix U.

The provisions of this bulletin are not an irrevocable contract between the student and the University. The
University reserves the right to change any provisions of requirement at any time within the student’s term
of residence. The University further reserves the right to ask the student to withdraw for cause at any time.
Student Code of Conduct

Statement of Purpose
St. Bonaventure University is an institution devoted to the Franciscan values of investigation, wonder, knowledge, love, reflection, wisdom, understanding and humility. These values are the core components of our community. As members of the St. Bonaventure University community, the University expects students to act in congruence with not only New York State and Federal Laws, but also their own personal values, and the values of our Franciscan tradition.

The purpose of the Student Code of Conduct is to provide guidelines to students so they can make informed decisions and understand what they should expect from themselves and each other. It is also designed to challenge students to further develop high personal standards and virtues while growing in our community. The judicial process is designed to educate students, and encourage them to reflect upon the decisions they make. Sanctioning is intended to enhance student development.

All procedures outlined below apply to policies outlined within this document, with the exception of violations of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policies. Procedures for handling reports of Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct violations, or crimes of Rape, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Domestic Violence, or Dating Violence, are outlined within Appendix S.

Student Rights/Responsibilities
A safe, respectful and happy living and learning community does not happen on its own. It is a mutual agreement between the University and its students, and individual behaviors and actions will have an effect on the sustainability of this community. The following is what a student’s rights and responsibilities are:

As set forth in St. Bonaventure University’s Student Code of Conduct, all St. Bonaventure students have the right …

1. …to be given notification of and easy access to all University policies, procedures and/or community expectations that affect students, including a hard copy or electronic access upon request, provided within a reasonable time frame.
2. … to be treated with dignity and respect.
3. … to have their voice heard through administrative representation by the Student Government Association, comprised of student-elected and appointed representatives, and through various other opportunities to provide feedback both formally and informally.
4. … to be afforded the opportunity to learn and grow, including having access to multiple different perspectives, ideas, facts and opinions.
5. … to a fair and impartial academic and judicial process for the review of allegations of misconduct as well as an impartial appeals process.
6. … to an evaluation of his/her academic performance free from discrimination on the basis of perceived race, religion, sex, gender identity, age, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, veteran status and political affiliation.
7. … to expect the University to foster an academic and living environment free from violence, harassment, or any physical threats from any other member of the St. Bonaventure University community, and for the
University to address, investigate, and/or take any other appropriate measures against any member of the University community who infringes on this right as stated.

8. to expect courteous and professional conduct from University faculty, staff and administration.

9. to reasonable living accommodations, as well as appropriate and timely maintenance and upkeep of on-campus residence facilities.

10. to reasonable accommodation and support by University faculty, staff, administration and peers for students with disabilities.

As set forth in St. Bonaventure University’s Student Code of Conduct, all St. Bonaventure students have the responsibility …

1. to become familiar with University policies, procedures and community expectations.

2. to treat each individual member of the St. Bonaventure University community with dignity and respect, and to evaluate one’s own behavior when challenged.

3. to utilize administrative representation of the Student Government Association, and/or other formal and informal means of providing feedback to University officials, if one does not feel their voice is being heard.

4. to recognize and respect the right of all members of the St. Bonaventure community to participate in the learning process, being open to multiple different perspectives, ideas, and opinions, even if they differ from one’s own.

5. to refrain from discriminating against other members of the St. Bonaventure University community on the basis of perceived race, religion, sex, gender identity, age, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, veteran status and political affiliation.

6. to become an active participant in the learning process, fully engaged in both intellectual and human growth.

7. to accept responsibility for one’s own actions, particularly as they relate to expectations outlined in the Code of Conduct, and help repair harm one’s own actions may cause another or the community.

8. to cooperate, to the best of one’s ability, with all investigations involving violations of the Code of Conduct and/or crimes committed on campus.

9. to exercise these rights and responsibilities in a reasonable manner that will not offend others or violate the procedures, guidelines, and regulations as defined in the following code of conduct

10. to respect the personal property of all members of the St. Bonaventure community, the property of St. Bonaventure University, and the property of our neighbors in Allegany and Olean.

If the system of mutual respect breaks down, the University will intervene. The following sections provide students with the knowledge of how the University will hold students accountable for their actions, and how students can resolve conflicts with each other through the judicial process.

Review of Code of Conduct, Judicial Process and Procedures, and Related Appendices

The Code of Conduct and Process Review Committee shall be established, and convene no less than once per semester.

The Committee shall report and make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs. This committee shall serve two purposes:
1. To hear questions, concerns, issues and/or proposed changes to the Student Code of Conduct, judicial process and procedures, and related appendices, brought forward by any faculty, staff or students at the University, and make recommendations for change to the VPSA; and
2. Conduct a complete review of the Code, process and procedures and related appendices on a biennial basis, making recommendations for change to the VPSA.

The committee shall comprise the following members: one member of the Student Government Association executive board, five additional student members (1 student representing each class, including a graduate student), two faculty members, one staff member, one member of the Franciscan order, and the Dean of Students. Committee membership will be solicited publicly from the University community. The VPSA and SGA President (regardless of whether he or she is serving on the committee) shall appoint committee members, and a chair(s) will be chosen from among this membership.

Jurisdiction

A. Cooperation with Code of Conduct, all associated University policies, and NYS and Federal Laws

All students are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct (outlined below), all associated University Policies outlined in the subsequent appendices, and all NYS and Federal Laws, even those not specifically outlined in this document. Students violating any of the above can be held accountable through the University’s Judicial Process, as outlined in Section VI, Implementing the Student Code of Conduct. Students found responsible for violations will be sanctioned accordingly.

B. Conduct On/Off Campus

Students as participants in local community affairs, as residents of, or visitors to, Allegany, Olean or other colleges and universities, are expected to abide by local, state and federal ordinances. The University will act in situations wherein a specific act on/off campus endangers the welfare of the University and/or wherein members of the University community are harmed as a result of student conduct on/off campus:

1. When a St. Bonaventure University student, club or student organization performs an act, as a group and/or individual on/off campus, that is viewed to be in violation of the University’s welfare interests. Some examples of unacceptable behavior are creating a disturbance, damaging and stealing property, making annoying noise, etc.

2. A serious crime (either felony or misdemeanor) that can result in danger or threat of physical risk to members of the St. Bonaventure community on or off campus.

3. A fight or other type of altercation, which occurred on/off campus when the University receives complaints from one of the participants who is either a student or another member of the University community.

While the University reserves the right to handle all violations occurring off campus through the University Judicial Process, first-time minor violations will likely be dealt with through an informative meeting with the Dean of Students or her designee, and a written warning will be issued.

C. University Cooperation with Law Enforcement
The University will cooperate with law enforcement agencies in matters involving our students when asked to do so. Additionally, the University reserves the right to involve law enforcement in incidents and/or situations on campus which may seriously or adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of individuals within the University community. The University reserves the right to turn over confiscated illegal items to local law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to illicit substances, weapons, explosive materials, etc. The University encourages all students and employees whom have been a victim of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking, to report such incidents to law enforcement. Anyone requiring assistance contacting law enforcement should work through Safety and Security Services.

D. Room/Property Search and Inspection

St. Bonaventure University affirms its respect for students’ rights to maximum privacy in their room, apartment, and townhouse. However, authorized personnel may enter rooms for reasons of health, safety, general welfare, or to make necessary repairs to room or room equipment. When the University has reason to believe a student is in possession of any illegal substance (including but not limited to alcohol, drugs, weapons, etc.), the University reserves the right to search personal belongings on the University premises, including student vehicles. Permission to search student belongings shall be provided by the Dean of Students, and/or the Director of Safety and Security Services, and/or the Vice President for Student Affairs.

All residence hall facilities are subject to unannounced fire safety inspections throughout the year. These inspections may be conducted by authorized personnel from the student affairs division, maintenance department, and the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control. Inspections will occur regardless of whether students are present in the room at the time. Additionally, whenever a residence hall is evacuated, all rooms in the building may be entered to ensure each person has exited.

When the University closes its residence halls for a break, including but not limited to winter break and spring break, members of the Residence Life and/or Safety and Security Staff will conduct inspections to ensure proper break departure procedures have been followed.

Any time a University official enters a residence hall room, policy violations will be documented, and said officials may confiscate items which may be considered violations. Confiscated personal property will be secured pending further investigation and/or judicial action. When possible, confiscated personal property will be returned to the student when he/she can make arrangements to remove it from campus.

E. University Right to Take Action (Summary Suspension/Mandatory Leave of Absence)

When a student or a group of students pose a threat to other members of the University Community, or when their continued presence on campus would be likely to cause serious disruption in campus activities, the Vice President for Student Affairs, in consultation with appropriate University officials, may take immediate action in the form of a summary suspension, or mandate a leave of absence. A summary suspension may occur for possible disciplinary issues, especially if there is a possibility a student could be a threat to the community, or an individual member of the community. The threat may be construed to be physical, behavioral or psychological. When a summary suspension or mandatory leave of absence is enacted, individuals will be required to immediately remove themselves from the University until it is determined that it is safe for the individual(s) to return to campus. The Vice President for Student Affairs will make such determination in consultation with appropriate University personnel.

Procedures for issuance of Summary Suspension/Mandatory Leave of Absence

1. When possible, the initial communication of the summary suspension or mandatory leave will be made verbally to the student(s) affected by the Vice President for Student Affairs or by her designee. If it is not possible to communicate this action verbally, written communication will suffice. However, every effort will be made to communicate this decision verbally.
2. The University will take reasonable steps to notify the affected student(s) in writing of the decision within 72 hours. If the student(s) has been required to leave campus before such written notice is delivered, the written notice will be mailed to the student’s home and/or campus address of record (or other such document of the University) within 72 hours of the oral notification. The notification will also include information regarding any stipulations peculiar to this decision, and conditions for the student’s return.

F. University’s Right to Pursue Administrative Judicial Action Before, During or After Legal Proceedings
The University reserves the right to pursue administrative action before, during or after other legal proceedings which may involve the same individual(s)/incidents. Provided there is no perceived threat to the health, safety or welfare of individuals in the University community, or the community as a whole, the University may choose to wait until legal proceedings are complete before conducting an administrative or judicial board hearing. However, students will receive advisement as to the official charges the University is bringing forward. Should the University feel it is in the best interest of all parties involved to wait until a legal process is complete, the University may decide to impose interim sanctions on one or more parties until a hearing process is held (see E. above).

G. Students with Disabilities
Students with disabilities who believe they may need special accommodations through any aspect of the hearing process are encouraged to contact Disability Support Services Office, at 375-2065, prior to the University hearing process, to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented. Proper documentation must be on file with Disability Support Services in order for a student to request such accommodations.

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

A. Living by the Franciscan tradition of peace, harmony, respect and cooperation, St. Bonaventure students should expect to treat themselves and every other member of the University community with respect and dignity. The following behaviors would be considered violations of respect for the integrity and dignity of oneself and/or others:

Acts of Violence or Abuse
a. Assault – any intentional and/or repeated acts that result in offensive or violent physical contact with another individual, with or without a weapon. These acts include but are not limited to striking or slapping, punching, shoving, kicking, pulling hair, etc.
b. Participation in a Fight – provoking, encouraging or engaging in a physical fight.
c. Verbal Abuse - Verbal Abuse or Harassment (non-discriminatory) – any intentional and/or repeated act,
   1. placing another person in apprehension of immediate bodily harm or offensive contact, or
   2. intending to defame one's character, or words/actions which a reasonable person could foresee defaming one's character, or
   3. words or actions that create an intimidating or hostile environment.
   Examples of verbal abuse or harassment include but are not limited to: verbal or physical threats, intimidation, etc.
d. **Bullying or Cyberbullying** - Bullying and cyberbullying are repeated and/or severe aggressive behaviors likely to intimidate or intentionally harm, control or diminish another person physically or emotionally.

**Alcohol Policy**

St. Bonaventure University expects its students to abide by New York State and Federal Laws with regards to possession and consumption of alcohol. St. Bonaventure students under 21 years of age are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol on campus. Students who are of legal drinking age may possess and consume alcohol under the guidelines outlined in the University’s Alcohol Policy. Any behavior that violates NYS Laws pertaining to alcohol, and or any aspect of St. Bonaventure University’s Alcohol Policy, will be considered a violation of this section of the Student Code of Conduct. For the University’s full Alcohol Policy, see Appendix C – Alcohol Policies.

**Bias-Related Harassment and Discrimination**

**Discrimination** - Causing physical harm, verbally abusing, intimidating or engaging in other conduct that threatens the health or safety of any member of the college community based on his or her actual or perceived race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic class, nation of origin, age, veteran status or marital status. These acts include but are not limited to hazing, bullying, verbal abuse, assault, etc.

**Bias-Related Harassment** - Any unwelcome verbal or physical conduct directed against a person that occurs as a result of that person’s actual or perceived race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic class, nation of origin, age, veteran status or marital status, that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with, denies or limits someone’s ability to participate in or benefit from the University’s educational program, employment, and/or activities, and/or results in the creation of a hostile educational or work environment. Bias-related retaliation would also be considered a form of Bias-Related Harassment.

Harassment may include but is not limited to: epithets, slurs, stereotyping, threatening, intimidating, hostile acts (even if claimed to be “jokes” or “pranks”). These acts may be written, graphic, electronic, verbal, physical, etc.

**Other Policy Violations Aggravated by Bias** – Any violation outlined in the Code of Conduct committed against a person or property that is aggravated by the offender’s bias against perceived race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic class, nation of origin, age, veteran status or marital status.

For the University’s full policy and procedures related to Bias-Related Harassment and Discrimination, see Appendix D

**Dishonest Behavior**

Any act intended to deceive or mislead another person, or misrepresent oneself. Acts of dishonest behavior may include but are not limited to: lying, misuse of your own or another’s identification, falsifying records, bearing false testimony in the course of a judicial hearing,
hindering or obstructing a University investigation or disciplinary process, tampering with
University documents, etc.

For University’s Policy on Identification Cards see Appendix M

Disorderly Conduct
Any behavior that results in disruption or disturbance to one or more individuals or to the
community in general.

Disruption of a University Activity or Event
Any inappropriate or disruptive behavior that results in the disruption of a University activity
or event, including but not limited to language, appearance or conduct that harms, disrupts or
offends.

For University’s Fan Code of Conduct, see Appendix H.

Drug Policy
Any behavior that violates NYS laws pertaining to illicit drug use, possession and/or
distribution, or violates the University Drug Policy.

For University’s full Drug Policy, see Appendix G.

Failure to Comply
Failure to comply with the reasonable requests of any authorized University official. Such
behaviors include, but are not limited to failure to produce one’s identification, failure to
complete one’s judicial sanctions, failing to appear at a scheduled judicial hearing, meeting or
mediation, leaving a situation when asked to remain, violating the terms of a mediation
agreement, etc.

Gambling
The University expects students to abide by all NYS and Federal Laws pertaining to
gambling, and any violation of those laws would be considered a violation of this policy. The
University defines gambling as any “wagering of money or something of material value on an
event with an uncertain outcome with the primary intent of winning additional money and/or
material goods” (Wikipedia). This includes online gambling.

Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct
For University’s full Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy, see Appendix
AD.

Harassment
Any behavior directed toward another person which:

a. has the effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or educational
environment; or
b. has the effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s academic or work
performance; or

c. otherwise adversely affects an individual’s employment or educational opportunities

Harassment may include but is not limited to annoying, threatening, intimidating, or other
hostile acts (even if claimed to be “jokes” or “pranks”). These acts may be written, graphic,
electronic, verbal, physical, etc.

As noted above, allegations of harassment and/or discrimination by students constituting
violation of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy will be
addressed in accordance with Appendix S. Allegations of other forms of harassment and/or
discrimination by students will be addressed as outlined in Section VI, Implementing the Student Code of Conduct. For University’s Discrimination Policy, see Appendix F. For University’s Bias-Related Harassment and Discrimination Policies and Procedures, see Appendix D For University’s Procedures for Reporting Harassment, see Appendix N For University’s Procedures for Reporting Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct, see Appendix AD

Hazing
Hazing is any reckless or intentional act, occurring on or off campus, that produces physical, mental, or emotional pain, discomfort, humiliation, embarrassment, or ridicule directed toward other students or groups (regardless of their willingness to participate), that is required or expected of new members and which is not related to the mission of the team, group, or organization. This includes any activity, whether it is presented as optional or required, that places a new member in a position of servitude as a condition of membership. In addition to the activities listed in the full policy outlined in Appendix Y of this document, prohibited acts of hazing include those covered under New York state law. For University’s full Hazing Policy, see Appendix O.

Lewd Behavior
Indecent behavior or language that would be offensive to a reasonable person. Examples of lewd behavior include but are not limited to public urination, exposing oneself, explicit language or gesturing, etc.

Retaliation
Any behavior that harasses, intimidates or takes other adverse action(s) against a person for one of the following reasons:

- making a good faith report of prohibited conduct; and/or
- for intervening to attempt to prevent or stop prohibited conduct or assist someone who has been the target of prohibited conduct; and/or
- for participating in good faith as a reporting party, respondent, witness or otherwise in an investigation or other process undertaken pursuant to a policy violation; and/or
- for supporting someone involved in such an investigation or process.

Retaliatory actions include but are not limited to threats or actual violence against a person or their property, adverse educational or employment consequences, ridicule, intimidation, bullying, or ostracism.

Smoke Free Policy
Any behavior which violates the University Smoke Free Policy. For University’s full Smoke Free Policy, see Appendix V.

B. St. Bonaventure students are expected to treat the physical and intellectual property and environment of the University with respect. The following behaviors are considered a violation of respect for the physical environment of the community:
Littering
Knowingly disposing of waste in an inappropriate manner, including but not limited to dropping trash on the ground, leaving bags of trash outside of apartment door, etc.

Vandalism
Any behavior that intentionally destroys, defaces, damages, or otherwise harms University property. Acts of vandalism include but are not limited to: spray painting University property, tearing down signs, breaking windows, cutting down trees, damaging the lawn (tire tread marks), pulling up flowers or damaging hedges, etc.

Misuse or Removal of University Property
Any act or behavior in which a student knowingly utilizes University property inappropriately for his or her own personal benefit. Such behavior includes but is not limited to misuse or removal of lounge/office furniture in residence halls or other buildings on campus, removal of nameplates from doors, etc.

Failure to Comply with University Technology Policy
Any behavior that violates the University Technology Policy. For University’s full Technology Policy see Appendix AB.

Representing the University Without Permission of Authorized Officials
Knowingly utilizing the University logo, nameplate, etc., or entering into a contract with an outside vendor on behalf of the University without express permission from an authorized University official. For full University Policy on Contracts, see Appendix E. For full University Policy Regarding Fund-Raising and Solicitation, see Appendix J.

Theft
The unauthorized attainment, possession or use of University or personal property or services.

Unauthorized or Forced Entry into Any University Facility or Area
Entering any University facility, office, residence hall room, classroom, etc., without permission, with or without force, including access or presence to outdoor locations, such as roofs.

C. St. Bonaventure University expects its students to respect the living and learning environment in the residence halls. All students living in residence, and guests and visitors to the residence halls, are responsible for maintaining an environment in the residence hall community that is safe and healthy, and conducive to positive social, academic and spiritual growth. Therefore, all students are expected to abide by the Residence Life and Housing Policies, outlined in Appendix S. Behaviors outlined below are also considered a violation of the maintenance of a safe, healthy and positive living and learning environment:

Courteous and Quiet Hours
The use and volume level of music, televisions, computers, etc. should be kept within reason at all times. Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., a quiet environment conducive to study and sleep must be maintained in the hall. Therefore, televisions, music, computers, voices, etc. should not be able to be heard outside one’s room.
Failure to Abide by the Provisions of the Residence Hall and Meal Plan Terms and Conditions

Any behavior which violates the stipulations set forth in the Residence Hall and Meal Plan Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to unauthorized room changes, failing to properly check in/out of one’s residence hall room, recycling, transfer of one’s keys, etc.

For a copy of the current Residence Hall and Meal Plan Terms and Conditions, see Appendix S.

Hosting Guests and Visitors

Students hosting guests and visitors in the residence halls will be held accountable for any violations of University policies committed by their guests or visitors.

For University’s full Guests and Visitor Policy, see Appendix K.

Pets

Pets are not permitted in any University facility. NOTE: Modifications will be made to allow the presence and use of service animals in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Fair Housing Act. Should a student require a service or emotional support animal, they must contact Disability Support Services, and abide by the policies and procedures set forth for obtaining approval.

D. St. Bonaventure University feels every student has an equal responsibility for the safety and welfare of the community as a whole, because each individual benefits from being a member of it. The following behaviors are violations of the welfare and safety of the community:

Arson

Intentionally setting fire to a building or other structure, setting fire inside a building or other structure, and/or setting fire to one’s own or another’s belongings.

Bomb Threat

Placing an explosive on campus grounds, threatening to place an explosive on campus grounds, or communicating the presence of a bomb when there is no evidence that a bomb is present.

Failure to Comply with University Traffic Regulations

Any behavior or act that violates University Transportation and Parking regulations outlined by Safety and Security Services website. The motor vehicles of all faculty, staff and students operated or parked on University property must bear a current registration decal. Students must register their motor vehicles within 24-hours of academic registration.

Fire Safety

Any behavior that directly violates codes set forth by the NYS Dept. of Fire Safety, and/or University Fire Safety Policy.

For University Fire Safety Policies, see Appendix I.

Possession/Use of Firearms, Dangerous Weapons, Dangerous Chemicals and/or Fireworks

Any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, injure or incapacitate, is prohibited on campus. Such objects or substances include but are not limited to: knives other than kitchen utensils, billies, sling shots, black jacks, metal knuckles, martial arts weapons, mace, tear gas,
pepper spray, etc. Additional prohibited weapons include any instrument capable of firing a projectile, including but not limited to firearms, BB guns, pellet guns, air soft guns, nerf guns, paintball guns, etc. All explosive chemicals and devices are prohibited, including all forms of fireworks.

Rioting/Unapproved Demonstrations

No one has the right to interfere with anyone else’s right to learn. While we respect every person’s right to speech, the University has created guidelines so that those choosing to gather and demonstrate do not interfere with anyone’s academic pursuits, or the health, welfare and safety of this community. Any behavior contrary to the University policy on Maintenance of Public Order/Public Demonstrations is considered a violation.

For University Policy on Maintenance of Public Order/Public Demonstrations, see Appendix Q.

Implementing the Student Code of Conduct

Maintaining and implementing the Student Code of Conduct is the responsibility of every member of the University community. Students, staff and faculty should, through their behavior, reinforce the ideals expressed by the Code, and encourage every student to do likewise. Administratively, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office for Residence Life, and the Department of Safety and Security are primarily responsible for assuring compliance with the Code. In most instances, residence hall staff or Safety and Security officers will report potential violations of the Code to the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students is responsible for reviewing student conduct in general, educating students about appropriate community standards, and as needed, assigning sanctions for the purpose of encouraging compliance with those standards.

As noted above, all procedures outlined below apply to policies outlined within this document, with the exception of violations of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policies. Procedures for handling reports of Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct violations are outlined within Appendix AD.

A. Initiating a Complaint

Any University student, faculty member or staff member who believes that a student has violated the Student Code of Conduct may file a complaint with the Dean of Students, the Department of Safety and Security, or the Office of Residence Life. The individual filing the complaint is referred to hereinafter as the complainant. The University itself may act as the complainant through a designated staff member or members. After filing the complaint, the Dean of Students will review the complaint and determine whether or not, if proven, the allegations would constitute a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. If so, the individual filing the complaint will meet with the Dean of Students to review the complaint and discuss the options available to him or her.

The individual complainant could:

a. Request the University pursue judicial action; and/or
b. Make a report to the local police; and/or
c. Request a mediation or restorative justice circle (RJC); and/or
d. Make a statement for the record with the Dean of Students, Department of Safety and Security, or the Office of Residence Life.

The complainant will have 180 days from the date of the alleged incident to decide whether or not to have the University pursue the complaint judicially. The University reserves the right to exercise discretion on taking disciplinary action against students. If the University receives actionable information beyond the 180 day time period after an incident has occurred involving a crime, the University as the complainant may still pursue judicial action with no time restriction.

Should a student request mediation or restorative justice circle, and the Dean of Students deems this an appropriate course of action, mediation or RJC will be scheduled. Written documentation of any mediation agreements will be retained by the Dean of Students. Should either party violate the mediation agreement, the University or the aggrieved party could choose to pursue University judicial action as a result (see “Failure to Comply” in the Student Code of Conduct).

**B. Student Procedural Rights**

If the University or a complainant elects to pursue judicial action, an Administrative Hearing Officer (AHO) will be appointed to hear the case. The hearing officer will not be someone who was involved in the initial documentation of the violation. The AHO will schedule a judicial meeting with the accused student. If a student fails to respond, or appear at the scheduled hearing, the AHO may find that student responsible in his/her absence and sanction the student accordingly, or place a judicial hold on the student’s records until the meeting takes place.

At a judicial meeting, the student is notified of the alleged violation of the Code and afforded the opportunity to review the factual allegations that led to the charge. The AHO will explain the rights and options available as well as describe potential sanctions for the alleged violation in question.

The accused student has the following procedural **rights** when charged with a violation of the Student Code of Conduct:

1. The right to notice of the charge that a violation of the Code has allegedly taken place;
2. The right to notice of the factual allegations that form the basis for the charge;
3. The right to notification of disciplinary proceedings;
4. The right to have the University or complainant bear the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence;
5. The right to present a defense including the right to review all evidence presented at a hearing and present relevant witnesses**; and
6. The right of appeal consistent with the provisions of this Code.

**Should a student want to have a witness be brought forward in the hearing process, they must notify the AHO prior to the hearing, and are responsible for ensuring the witness is available at the time of the hearing. The AHO is not responsible for communication with the witness, nor are they required to re-schedule a hearing to accommodate the witness.**

The accused student has the following procedural **options** when charged with a violation of the Code of Conduct:

1. If the AHO determines that the sanction for an alleged violation may result in suspension, the student may:
   a. Admit or deny the charge and request a hearing with the Administrative Hearing Officer; or
b. Admit or deny the charge and request a hearing before a University Judicial Board. However, the decision to go to a judicial board rests ultimately in the hands of the Dean of Students.

2. In all other cases where the AHO has informed the student that a potential sanction would NOT result in suspension or expulsion, the accused student may;
   a. admit to the charge in an administrative hearing process and be sanctioned by the Administrative Hearing Officer (Administrative Action); or
   b. deny the charge in a hearing with the Administrative Hearing Officer.

*All violations that may result in the expulsion of a student will be heard by a University Judicial Board.

C. Administrative Hearing
Most Student Code of Conduct violations will be heard by an AHO. The AHO will follow the general procedures outlined for the University Judicial Board in conducting this hearing. The Dean of Students may determine that due to the nature or complexity of the facts of the case, it would be beneficial to have a hearing before the University Judicial Board. If this is the case, a University Judicial Board will convene and the Dean of Students or her designee will notify all parties involved of this decision.

D. University Judicial Board
While an AHO will ordinarily hear cases involving alleged violations of the Code, a UJB has the authority to hear cases involving alleged violations of the Code under the following circumstances:

1. where the Dean of Students has determined that, because of the nature of the alleged offense, or because the pattern of behavior warrants special attention, suspension or expulsion may be the proper sanction if the charges are substantiated; and/or
2. the accused student requests such a hearing; or
3. the Dean of Students has determined that due to the nature or complexity of the facts of the case, it would be beneficial to have a hearing before the UJB.

A UJB is composed of 3 students and 2 faculty/staff members.

The Dean of Students or her designee will serve as the non-voting Chairperson of the UJB to assure an orderly hearing and that fairness is observed.

E. Judicial Board Member Selection
A pool of judicial board members shall be formed through the following process:

1. A nominating committee shall form and shall comprise the Dean of Students, one SGA senator, one SGA appointed student, one faculty member and one staff member, all appointed by the VPSA.
2. The Dean of Students shall advertise publicly any open vacancies for judicial board members.
3. Employees and students can either nominate fellow colleagues, or self-nominate. All nominees will be asked to complete an application.
4. Applications will be reviewed by the nominating committee, and recommendations will be made to the VPSA.
5. The VPSA and the SGA President will appoint the pool of judicial board members.
F. University Judicial Board General Procedures

All judicial proceedings are closed to anyone who is not a student, faculty, staff or Clergy of the University. All hearings shall be held in appropriate University facilities designated by the Dean of Students and shall be private. The University does not permit observers, relatives, or legal counsel for either the complainant or the respondent to be present at, or participate in judicial proceedings. The role of the advisor in any judicial proceeding is to be of support to the student. Advisors are not permitted to represent the student. Thus, advisors are not permitted to ask or answer questions, nor are they to interfere in the process for any reason at any time. The Chairperson will inform the student(s) of the policies and procedures for the hearing. The respondent must cooperate fully with the Board. If the respondent fails to appear at the scheduled hearing and the Chairperson does not excuse his/her absence, the hearing may proceed without him/her.

The reporting party and the respondent will present statements concerning the alleged violation and may present relevant witnesses. Students shall provide a list of witnesses to the Dean of Students prior to the hearing. The Dean of Students, or the board Chairperson, has the option of granting immunity to a witness should the witness be in fear of testifying because his or her testimony may reveal he or she is in violation of University policies. However, it is the witness’s responsibility to request such immunity. The respondent, the reporting party and the UJB may review all evidence presented at the hearing.

Hearings shall be conducted in such a manner as to permit the panel to achieve substantial justice. Participants will conduct themselves in accordance with these objectives. Therefore, no board member (other than the Chairperson) shall discuss the case with anyone prior to or after the proceedings. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply. Questions regarding the admissibility of any evidence shall be within the Board’s discretion.

After all statements have been presented, the complainant and the accused student may summarize their positions. Subsequently and in private, the UJB will determine by a preponderance of evidence with a majority vote whether the accused student has violated the Code. The UJB will make known its decision and the basis for the decision to the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will inform the accused student and the complainant of the UJB’s decision and basis for the decision subject to the limitations of federal law.

Should a student be found responsible for any violation of the Code of Conduct or any related policies, the Board will then determine appropriate sanctions.

Sanctioning

After a finding or admission of responsibility, the Administrative Hearing Officer and/or Judicial Board will impose sanctions after considering the following:

1. Statements made at the judicial meeting and/or at any hearing;
2. Prior disciplinary record of the student;
3. Disciplinary precedent;

Sanction Notification for Reporting Party and Respondent

In all administrative hearing processes, the student found responsible of policy violations will be notified in writing of the sanctions levied against them as a result of said violation(s). In University Judicial Board cases, the Chairperson will notify the respondent in writing of the sanction(s) imposed.

In situations where one student pursues charges against another student(s), both the reporting party and the respondent will receive written notification of sanctions imposed.
Sanctions for Violations of the Code
The following disciplinary sanctions shall comprise the range of official actions that may be imposed for violations of regulations. One or more may be imposed in response to a given situation. Additional sanctions are possible for violations of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy. Those sanctions are outlined accordingly in Appendix S.

Verbal/Written Disciplinary Warning
Written Disciplinary Warning is an official verbal/written notice to a student that a particular action or type of behavior is in violation of stated regulations or policies, and, therefore, unacceptable. Continuation of similar behavior or future violations may be cause for more severe disciplinary action.

Disciplinary Fines
These monetary payments may be for punitive purposes or for purposes of restitution because of damage to persons or property; or misappropriation of property. Payments can be made to the Bursar's Office.

Community Service
An action that requires a student to give a specific number of hours of uncompensated service to some task recognized as valuable to the University community. The Administrative Hearing Officer will make the particular assignment of duties. The person under whose direction the work is done shall certify to the AHO when the work has been completed. Failure to complete the service within a specific period of time will result in additional disciplinary action. The Administrative Hearing Officer has the discretion to assign work in the community-at-large or on-campus service.

Attendant Restrictions
In conjunction with the sanctions above, students may be subject to one or more of the following attendant restrictions:
1. Loss of Good Disciplinary Standing: an action that excludes a student from representing the University in intercollegiate activities, or from holding any elected or appointed office in a University-recognized organization, or from being selected for certain committees or programs, or from membership in student organizations for a stated period of time.
2. Disciplinary Residence Hall Room Change: an action that requires a student to vacate his/her current room and relocate to another room because of disciplinary reasons.
3. Exclusion from University Buildings, Intramural Sports, Extracurricular and Residence Hall Activities: an action that excludes a student from university buildings, intramural sports, extracurricular activities and residence hall activities for a stated period of time.
4. Restrictions on Housing Lottery: an action that may exclude a student from participation in a particular housing lottery or affect his or her ranking within a particular lottery.
5. Judicial Hold on Records: A judicial hold may be placed on the academic records of any student who fails to comply with any requirements imposed following a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. A judicial hold may prevent, among other things, class registration, the release of transcripts, and the award of a diploma. Students who are suspended or expelled from the University are subject to a judicial hold to prevent class registration.
6. Educational Measures: An action that requires the student to complete an educational task as assigned by the AHO or the Dean of Students. Failure to complete this assignment within a specific period of time will result in additional disciplinary action. Educational measures may include but are not limited to: participation in counseling on- or off-campus, attending content...
specific programming, completing on-line courses such as AlcoholEDU for Sanctions, writing reflection papers, etc.

**Disciplinary Probation**
Disciplinary probation is an official written notice to a student that violation of University regulations or policies, or patterns of behavior contrary to University standards or expectations, will not be tolerated. Repeated offenses or violations of any conditions of probation will result in more severe action, including possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Disciplinary Probation lasts for a stated period of time.

**Loss of Campus Residency**
Loss of Campus Residency is an action that excludes a student from residence on campus. A student who loses campus residency may be considered for future on-campus accommodations at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Suspension**
Suspension is an action that excludes a student from registration, class attendance, residence on campus, and use of University facilities for a specific period of time. Suspended students are not permitted on the campus without prior approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Suspension is recorded in a disciplinary file in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Upon termination of the period of suspension, the student shall be considered for readmission if:
1. the student is academically eligible for readmission; and
2. the student has complied with any conditions for readmission placed upon the student by the Vice President for Student Affairs and/or her designate, or stipulations outlined by a University Judicial Board.

**Expulsion**
Expulsion is an action that permanently excludes a student from registration, class attendance, residence on campus, and use of University facilities. Expelled students are not permitted on the campus for any reasons. Expelled students who enter the campus are subject to arrest. Disciplinary expulsion is recorded in a disciplinary file in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Revocation of Degree**
The University reserves the right to revoke a degree awarded from the university for fraud, misrepresentation, or other violation of University policies, procedures or directives in obtaining the degree, or for other serious violations committed by a student prior to graduation.

St. Bonaventure University reserves the right to notify parent(s) / legal guardian(s) about the disciplinary status of their son/daughter/ward to the extent consistent with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. *(See Appendix R, Parental Notification Policy)*

**Maintenance and Destruction of Disciplinary Files**
A copy of all disciplinary files will be maintained in accordance with all applicable laws through the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for seven years, in addition to the current year. After seven years, physical disciplinary files will be destroyed. Upon graduation or withdrawal from the University, or at the request of a currently enrolled student, disciplinary records will be disclosed to third parties in accordance with federal law and the abovementioned timeline, as follows: Violations that resulted in a sanction of disciplinary probation, loss of housing and loss of good standing will be disclosed for two years after
graduation/withdrawal; violations that resulted in a sanction of suspension or expulsion will be disclosed for as long as the file is required to be kept in accordance with the abovementioned timeline.

**Sanctioning Guidelines for Off-Campus Incidents**

Students are representatives of St. Bonaventure University when they are off campus. As such, the University takes students’ off-campus conduct seriously and can pursue judicial sanctioning for violations occurring off campus. In most cases, minor, first-time infractions will be handled by a simple meeting where a letter of written warning is delivered.

**Alcohol Related Medical Issues**

Alcohol consumption that results in students needing medical attention, either from MERT or Olean General Hospital, will be treated seriously by the University. However, a student’s first alcohol-related medical issue will not be treated punitively. Students will be required to meet with a University administrator to discuss the incident. Students will likely be required to complete AlcoholEDU for Sanctions and/or attend counseling to explore their alcohol use. Parents or legal guardians will be notified. Future alcohol related medical issues can be handled judicially and may result in punitive sanctioning.

**Interim Sanctions**

**Summary Suspension**

The Vice President for Student Affairs or designee may impose interim sanctions up to and including a summary (interim) suspension upon notification of alleged violations where the interim sanctions are advisable to protect and maintain the safety of the University community. Interim suspensions can be imposed when the accused student’s presence on campus might threaten the physical, mental, or emotional condition of any member of the University community for reasons relating to the safety, security and/or welfare of any member of the University community.

During an interim suspension, a student shall be denied access to all campus facilities (including but not limited to academic buildings, residence halls, library, dining facilities, and sporting events) and any University sponsored functions.

Students will only be permitted on campus for reasons relating to their judicial hearing, or other meetings with University officials relating to the issue. Students shall receive either hand-delivered or by certified mail, written notice of the interim sanction as well as notice of the alleged violations and date and location of the reported incidents. Students will be made aware of the type of hearing that will take place; the date, time and location of the hearing; and the hearing procedures that will be followed.

The University may notify parents or legal guardians of the imposition of interim sanctions.

**No Contact Orders**

The Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Director of Safety and Security, Residence Life professional staff members, or designee may impose no-contact orders between individual students or groups of students.

A no-contact order forbids both direct and indirect contact between the involved students. Indirect contact includes electronic communication and messages sent via other people.

In the event that a no contact order is issued outside of normal office hours, a verbal order shall suffice until a written letter can be delivered. Email communication or other forms of electronic communication of no-contact shall be considered written notification.
Students found to be in violation of a no-contact order can be put through a judicial process resulting in sanctions up to and including suspension, or given a summary suspension if another judicial process is pending.

**Access Restrictions**
The VPSA, CJAO, Residence Life professional staff members, or designees may impose access restrictions on students to prohibit their entry into campus facilities and functions, including but not limited to residence halls and the Richter Center.

St. Bonaventure University reserves the right to notify parents/legal guardians about the disciplinary status of their son/daughter/ward to the extent consistent with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

**Temporary Withholding of Degree/Diploma; Denial of Participation in Commencement**
The University may withhold a student’s degree and/or diploma for a specified period of time and/or deny a student participation in commencement activities if the student is the subject of a pending complaint or investigation, or has disciplinary charges pending.

**Appeals**
The Dean of Students will review appeals regarding decisions made by an Administrative Hearing Officer. The Dean of Students shall follow the general guidelines below in making his determination, without convening an Appeals Board.

An Appeals Board shall be convened when either the reporting party or the responding party choose to appeal the sanction decision of the Judicial Board. The Appeals Board composition shall be:

- The Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) or her designee, and
- One faculty or staff member, and
- One student.

**Appeal of Finding**
The appealing student shall file a written appeal to the VPSA. Appeals may be filed for the following reasons:

- Material procedural defect in the original Judicial Board proceedings, and/or
- Presence of new material evidence that was not available through no fault of the appealing party throughout the course of the investigation, and/or
- Erroneous finding of fact, or factual evidence was blatantly disregarded.

**Appeal for Review of Sanction**
The VPSA or the Appeals Board will hear appeals in cases where the sanction is expulsion, suspension, loss of good disciplinary standing, or loss of campus residency, and the student believes that the sanction is disproportionate to the offense. Other sanctions are not subject to review.

**Appeal Procedure**
The appealing party must file the appeal electronically as a Word Document attachment via University email to the VPSA within three class days of notification of the outcome of the hearing stating the specific reason and justification for the appeal. The VPSA will review the appeal request and determine whether or not the appeal request meets the criteria outlined under “Appeal of Finding” or “Appeal for Review of Sanction”. If the VPSA determines the appeal meets the criteria, the Appeal Board will convene.
1. The Appeal Board is not a “re-hearing” of the case. It will only consider facts and issues relevant to the basis for the appeal, and will not be conducting new investigations.

2. It will be assumed by the board that the original board decision and sanctions are sound, and the burden is on the appealing party to prove otherwise. Small procedural errors that do not affect the overall outcome of a case, such as typos, misspellings, or other errors or mistakes that have no bearing on the outcome will not be considered grounds to overturn a decision.

3. The Board shall meet with the appealing party, and may meet with anyone else deemed necessary to make their determination, including the investigators in the case.

4. Within 5 class days, the Board will make one of the following decisions:
   a. **Finding/Sanction Stands:** If upon review of relevant information the Board finds that there is no merit to the appeal, or that any issue brought up in the appeal would not change the finding or the appeal, then the Board will affirm the finding and sanction. This decision is final, and the case is closed.
   b. **Remand to the Board:** Only in cases where new evidence is available, or a procedural defect occurred, should a case be remanded to the judicial board. The purpose for remanding to the board is not for an entire new hearing, but only to correct the procedural defect, or consider the new evidence. Upon correcting defect or considering new evidence, the board should determine whether their finding would change in light of this information. The judicial board should re-convene, consider the new information, gather any new testimony necessary, and make a new final determination, following the same procedures for notifying the reporting and responding parties. The Appeals Board will review the new finding to ensure its efficacy, and determine proper courses of action. Should the original board’s finding change, and a student is now found “Not Responsible” for the violation, and the Board upon review accepts this new finding, all sanctions will be overturned and the case will be closed. Accommodations may remain in place, including no-contact orders. Should the original board’s finding change, and a student is now found “Responsible” for the violation, the sanctions determined by the judicial board would be submitted to the Appeal’s Board and reviewed for efficacy. The Appeal’s Board will notify the reporting and responding parties, and the case will be considered closed.
   c. **Determine New Sanction:** Should the Board determine that disproportionate sanctions were given, the Appeals Board will determine new sanctions. The Appeals Board Sanctions are final. No corrective action will be implemented that violates any provision of a St. Bonaventure University employment contract. All sanctions/corrective actions shall be in accordance with the University’s Discrimination and Harassment Policy found in the Governing documents.
Appendices
Appendix A – Academic Honesty Policy

This policy is outlined in this document for reference only, and acts of academic dishonesty are not processed through the University Judicial Process.

Definitions of Academic Dishonesty

The definition and explanation of what constitutes dishonesty should be published in the Catalogue and on the website following the Academic Honesty Policy. Further this document is not part of the policy itself, but a set of parameters for its implementation. Such document is to be updated and revised accordingly when necessary.

(Adapted, with permission, from Northwestern University’s web site)

Enrollment at St. Bonaventure University requires adherence to the University’s standards of academic integrity. These standards may be intuitively understood and cannot in any case be listed exhaustively; the following examples represent some basic types of behavior that are unacceptable:

a. **Cheating**: copying another student’s work using unauthorized notes, study aids, electronic communication or information on an examination; altering a graded work after it has been returned, then submitting the work for re-grading; allowing another person to do one’s work and submitting that work under one’s own name; submitting identical or similar papers for credit in more than one course without prior permission from the course instructors.
b. **Plagiarism**: submitting material that in part or whole is not entirely one’s own work without attributing those same portions to their correct source.
c. **Fabrication**: falsifying or inventing any information, data or citation; presenting data that were not gathered in accordance with standard guidelines defining the appropriate methods for collecting or generating data and failing to include an accurate account of the method by which the data were gathered or collected.
d. **Obtaining an Unfair Advantage**: (a) stealing, reproducing, circulating or otherwise gaining access to examination materials prior to the time authorized by the instructor; (b) stealing, destroying, defacing or concealing library materials with the purpose of depriving others of their use; (c) unauthorized collaborating on an academic assignment; (d) retaining, possessing, using or circulating previously given examination materials, where those materials clearly indicate that they are to be returned to the instructor at the conclusion of the examination; (e) intentionally obstructing or interfering with another student’s academic work; or (f) otherwise undertaking activity with the purpose of creating or obtaining an unfair academic advantage over other students’ academic work.
e. **Aiding and Abetting Academic Dishonesty**: (a) providing material, information, or other assistance to another person with knowledge that such aid could be used in any of the violations stated above; or (b) providing false information in connection with any inquiry regarding academic integrity.
f. **Falsification of Records and Official Documents**: altering documents affecting academic records; forging signatures of authorization or falsifying information on an official academic document, grade report, letter of permission, petition, add/drop or withdrawal form, ID card, or any other official University document.
Unauthorized Access to computerized academic or administrative records or systems: viewing or altering computer records, modifying computer programs or systems, releasing or dispensing information gained via unauthorized access, or interfering with the use or availability of computer systems or information.

Dated: May 2006

Reporting Academic Dishonesty Policy

In all cases where academic dishonesty is suspected, these are the procedures to be followed:

A faculty or staff member** who has evidence that a student has committed an unacceptable practice shall inform the student of the allegation, present the evidence, and discuss the sanction deemed appropriate with the student.

If the student agrees to the faculty member’s charge and accepts the sanction then procedure A is followed wherein the Dean* reports the incident to the Registrar. If the student does not agree to the charge or the sanction imposed by the faculty or staff member then procedure B is followed wherein the Dean is asked to mediate. If the student chooses not to accept the Dean’s judgment or the sanction imposed then procedure C is followed.

*Note: Unless otherwise specified in this document, Dean refers to the Dean of the student’s academic major. The Dean of Arts and Sciences for students who are undeclared Arts or Sciences, the Dean of Business for students who are undeclared Business. If the student does not have a Dean then the incident should be reported to the Dean of the reporting faculty member.

**Note: Reporting of academic dishonesty may be reported by faculty or staff member (as might be the case with Falsification of Records and Official Documents), but hereafter “faculty member” will be used for brevity.

A) If the student agrees to the faculty member’s charge and accepts the sanction then:

1. The faculty member shall present the student with a written charge specifying the sanction and the student shall sign the document indicating acceptance of the charge and the sanction.
2. The sanction shall be imposed.
3. The faculty member shall notify the Dean of the incident, providing in writing documentation of the charge, the evidence, the sanction and the document signed by the student.
4. The Dean shall send a copy of all documentation to the Registrar, who shall place the documentation in the student’s academic file.
5. The Registrar shall review the student’s academic records. If there are any prior academic honesty offenses, the Registrar shall notify the Dean who shall notify the Academic Honesty Board (hereinafter: the Board) that a hearing must be held.
   a. The Dean shall forward to the Board Chair all documentation pertaining to the incident.
   b. The Dean shall notify the faculty member and the student that the Board has been invoked in the case.

B) If the student does not agree to the charge or the sanction imposed by the faculty member:

1. The student should not sign any documents presented to him or her by the faculty member.
2. The faculty member shall present in writing the accusation, the evidence and the recommended sanction to the Dean, with a copy provided to the student.
3. The Dean shall examine the evidence and confer with the student and the faculty member.
4. If the Dean judges the charge to be justified, the Dean will inform the student and the faculty member, and uphold the sanction or impose an alternate sanction. If the student accepts the Dean’s judgment and the sanction, it shall be imposed.
   a. The Dean shall send a copy of the offense and the sanction to the Registrar, who shall place the documentation in the student’s academic file.
   b. The Registrar shall review the student’s academic records. If there are any prior offenses, the Registrar will notify the Dean, who will notify the Board that a hearing must be held.
      i. The Dean shall forward to the Board Chair all documentation pertaining to the incident.
      ii. The Dean shall notify the faculty member and the student that the Board has been invoked in the case.
5. If the Dean judges that the charges are not justified, the Dean will inform the student and the faculty member.
C) If the student chooses not to accept the Dean’s judgment or the sanction imposed, the matter shall be referred to the Board.
   1. The Dean shall notify the Board that a hearing must be held.
   2. The Dean shall forward all documentation (the charge, evidence, and the suggested sanction [see section A above] and documentation of the Dean’s deliberations [see section B above] to the Board.

Academic Honesty Board Case Procedure

In all cases coming before the Board, these following procedures shall be followed:

Timetable:

1. Within 5 semester days* of receiving a case, the Board Chair shall:
   a. Notify the faculty member who made the initial accusation of academic dishonesty and the student that the case is now being heard by the Board.
   b. The Board Chair will provide a copy of all written documentation to the accused student by certified mail sent to the student’s SBU Post Office box or, when no SBU Post Office box is on file, to the permanent address on file in the Records Office.
2. At the same time, the Board Chair may request that the faculty member provide a more detailed description of the charge and additional supporting evidence in addition to the original written documentation forwarded to the Board by the Dean. The faculty member shall provide this documentation to the Board within 5 semester days of receiving the request.
3. The Board Chair will provide the student with a list of University faculty and professional staff members who have agreed to serve as advisors to students in such cases.
4. The Board, through its Chair, shall schedule a hearing within four weeks.
   a. If the alleged academic dishonesty occurs during either a summer session or within four weeks of the end of a semester, the hearing must be held no later than four weeks after the start of the following regular semester.
b. In the case where the alleged academic dishonesty involves a student who is scheduled to graduate at the end of the semester in which the incident occurs, the Board will make every effort to render a decision as close to the end of the semester as possible.

5. At least one week prior to the hearing, the Board Chair shall notify the faculty member and the accused student of the time and place of the hearing, and provide them with a list of Board members.

6. Should a decision not be reached within five months of the dean’s receipt of the report, all charges will be dropped.

*Note: A semester day is defined as a scheduled undergraduate/graduate class or exam day during a regular (fall or spring) semester.

**Hearing Procedures:**

1. The student shall attend the hearing. The student is strongly encouraged to be accompanied at the hearing by an advisor (not to be confused with the student’s academic advisor). In the absence of an excuse from the Board Chair, a student who fails to appear for a Board hearing forfeits the right to defend oneself.
   a. The accused student will be notified that he or she may select and contact an advisor for the hearing.
   b. The Board Chair will provide the student with a list of persons who have agreed to act as advisors in academic dishonesty cases, if such a list is available. Students are not required to select an advisor from the list provided. Any member of the faculty or professional staff may function in such a role. Personal attorneys are not permitted at any meeting or hearing involved in the case.
   c. Once a person has agreed to act as an advisor in a case, he or she should immediately notify the Board Chair in order to receive a copy of the written charge, the time and place of the hearing, and a list of the Board members.
   d. An individual agreeing to act as the accused student’s advisor is expected to aid the student in collecting evidence and in interviewing witnesses.
   e. The advisor is also expected to be present at the hearing and to counsel the student in answering and asking questions.
   f. Advisors are expected to be well versed in the policy and procedures.

2. The faculty member shall attend the hearing, and bears the burden of proving the allegation of academic dishonesty by clear and convincing evidence. Hearsay evidence is inadmissible.

3. Ordinarily, the Board order and procedure for the hearing will be as follows:
   a. The faculty member may make a statement, and may be questioned by members of the Board and then by the accused student and/or the student’s advisor. The student and/or the student’s advisor may make a statement, and may be questioned by members of the Board and then by the faculty member.
   b. The faculty member and the student may call witnesses, who may be questioned by members of the Board and by the faculty member, the student, and/or the student’s advisor. The witnesses will be heard in an order determined by the Board Chair. Each witness will be present at the hearing only when giving testimony. Witnesses will be instructed not to discuss the case outside the hearing.
   c. The faculty member, the student and the student’s advisor may also raise evidentiary and procedural objections.
d. The Board Chair, together with a majority of the Board members, shall be the final judge regarding the authoritative interpretation or application of any provision of this policy.

e. The Board shall meet immediately following the hearing to reach a decision, and shall ascertain that its decision is based on a careful review of all available evidence and that the evidence reflects the facts of the case. Within 72 hours, the Board Chair shall communicate in writing the decision and the sanction to be imposed to the student, the faculty member, the student’s Dean and the Provost.

f. A student found guilty of academic dishonesty shall be assigned an appropriate sanction to be determined by the Board.

i. Ordinarily in the case of a first offense, the Board shall uphold the original sanction imposed by the faculty member or the Dean; however, the Board has the right to determine an alternate sanction.

ii. In the case of a second (or further) offense, the Board may impose the sanction determined by the faculty member or the Dean and an additional penalty the Board deems appropriate from one of two penalty categories—Censure, or removal from the university, with conditions specified by the Board.

iii. A student’s record of Censures shall be expunged upon graduation.

g. If the Board finds no grounds to support the allegation of dishonesty, the Board will direct the faculty member who brought the charges to assign a grade in the course based on the student’s work in the course disregarding the alleged dishonesty. In such a case, if a student wishes to appeal the grade assigned, the Student Grade Appeals policy becomes applicable.

4. Electronic or verbatim record of the hearing shall be permitted.

5. The record of each hearing shall consist of a detailed written report, which shall include a statement of the rationale for the decision and any evidence provided.

6. As a rule, academic honesty hearings are closed and the proceedings are confidential. A hearing may be open, however, upon a written request filed with the Board Chair by the accused student.

7. The faculty member or the accused student may challenge for cause the participation of any member of the Board. Except in cases where the Chair is being challenged, the Chair’s decision shall be final regarding any challenge for cause. A unanimous decision by the remaining Board members is necessary in order to disqualify the Chair for cause.

8. The Board’s decision regarding the facts of the case and any appropriate sanction and/or penalty shall be final and will become part of the student’s academic record until the student leaves the University.

9. In cases of multiple charges of academic honesty stemming from the same incident, the Board Chair shall decide whether to combine the cases in one hearing or to schedule separate hearings. The decision of the Board Chair is final.

10. Documentation of all academic honesty incidents will remain on file in the Registrar’s office until the student leaves the University.

11. If at any point in the process the student has been cleared of the charges, the Dean shall ensure that all records pertaining to the incident are destroyed.
Board Composition, Terms of Appointment and Findings Report

The Faculty Senate will appoint three faculty members and three alternates to the Board. These appointments will be made each year in April and will begin on the first day of the fall semester of the following academic year. One of those faculty members will be elected Chair by the other members. Chairs serve a one year term, renewable once.

The term of Board members will be two years. With Senate approval, members can succeed themselves once.

The President of Student Government will appoint two students and two alternates to the Board with the approval of the Faculty Senate. Generally, the term of appointment will be two years; however, students who graduate or leave the university will be replaced in a timely fashion. These appointments will normally be made each year in April.

At the initial constitution of the Board, the appointment of both faculty members and students will be staggered to foster continuity of Board membership.

The Board Chair is responsible for conducting all hearings that come before the Board insuring that the rules of fair process are observed. Pursuant to these ends the Chair, among other things shall:

1. determine whether a request for an open hearing should be honored;
2. determine the order in which witnesses and other participants (for example, advisors) will be heard;
3. rule on evidentiary and procedural objections and disputed interpretations [as above] of the policy with the support of a majority of the Board;
4. insure that a proper decorum is maintained;
5. rule on requests for change of advisors;
6. solicit faculty and professional staff members willing to serve as advisors, maintain a list of advisors, and provide this list to accused students;
7. write the final decision and submit copies to the required parties;
8. choose one of the Board alternates to serve for that hearing when a Board member is unavailable to serve at a hearing.

The Board will report its findings to the accused student, the faculty member involved, the student’s Dean and the Provost. If the accused student is an NCAA athlete, the board’s decision is reported to the NCAA compliance officer.

The Senate chairperson shall receive a summary of findings for each academic year. This summary shall include the number of cases, their dispositions, and shall be made public by the Senate chair.

In all cases information specific to the cases will be confidential and kept by the Board Chair.

Note: Upon promulgation of this policy all previous University policies, no matter how longstanding nor where found, that are contrary to the above provisions, are “ipso facto” null and void.

Dated: October 2016
Student Athlete Academic Misconduct and Impermissible Academic Assistance Investigation Procedure

If the accused student is a student athlete then the board must determine whether academic misconduct or impermissible academic assistance occurred as per 2016 NCAA regulations. If the student was found guilty of academic dishonesty then the board must determine if academic misconduct occurred. Academic misconduct has occurred if any of the following happened:

1. Alteration or falsification of transcript or academic record
2. Institutional staff or booster involvement
3. Competed or received aid based on erroneous declaration of eligibility

If none of the above happened and the student is guilty of academic dishonesty, then there has not been a NCAA violation.

If the accused student was not found guilty of academic dishonesty then the board must determine if an impermissible academic assistance occurred. Impermissible academic assistance occurred if all of the following happened:

1. Substantial academic assistance or exception
   a. Not generally available to institutions’ students
   b. Not permissible under Bylaw 16.3*
   c. Provided by current or former institutional staff or representative of athlete interests
   d. Results in certification of eligibility

The student is found guilty of impermissible academic assistance only if ALL of the above are true. Otherwise, if the student is found not guilty of academic dishonesty and any of the above conditions are not met, there has not been a NCAA violation.

The result of this decision shall be reported to the NCAA compliance officer.

Dated: October 2016

Appendix B – Advertising for Authorized Functions

Advertising for Authorized Functions Solicitation through advertising or promotion of a campus event/activity is permitted only if authorized by the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership. Any individual or organization advertising on campus must make certain the following responsibilities are carried out:

1. Posters, fliers, digital displays, and the use of social media are developed that are attractive and in good taste
2. Only bulletin boards and/or designated areas are utilized for advertising
3. All fliers, posters, window paint and digital displays are removed immediately following the activity or event
4. promotions or publicity that in any way, shape or form promote or advertise the consumption of alcohol and tobacco or gambling are prohibited
5. promotions and advertisements should follow the guidelines established in the University’s advertising policy, found in the St. Bonaventure University Governing Documents
6. advertising a promotional design must be approved through the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership

Appendix C – Alcohol Policies
St. Bonaventure University does not condone the underage use of alcoholic beverages, and promotes responsible behavior in those persons of legal drinking age that choose to consume. Therefore, underage possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on this campus. Persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older are permitted to possess and consume alcohol, provided they do so within the specified guidelines outlined below. In all cases of substance abuse or misuse, individuals will be advised, and in some cases mandated, to attend University-sponsored educational programs and/or formal counseling programs. Within the definitions below, “residence hall rooms” applies to all singles, doubles, triples, suites, quads and apartments.

Possession of Alcoholic Beverages – Alcoholic beverages and beverage containers (glass or can, empty, full or partially full) are prohibited in residence hall rooms where any or all occupants of the room are under 21 years of age. Persons under 21 years of age are not permitted to be in the presence of alcoholic beverages, or beverage containers. When alcoholic beverages are permitted, the limit is not to exceed one unit per person of legal drinking age assigned to the room/apartment. One unit is defined as twelve 12-oz bottles/cans of beer or malted beverage (or equivalent), or two 750 ml bottles of wine, or one 750ml bottle of liquor.

Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages – Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited if a student is under the age of 21. Persons 21 years of age or older who choose to consume alcohol may do so only in the presence of other persons 21 years of age or older, and must remain in control of their behavior. They will be responsible for their actions and must respect the rights of others.

Drunk and Disorderly Conduct – any disruptive behavior exhibited while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Giving/Selling Alcohol to Persons Under the Age of 21 – including but not limited to buying alcohol for, or otherwise supplying alcohol to, a person(s) under the age of 21.
Open Container – the unauthorized possession of an open container of alcohol in University public areas including but not limited to hallways, lounges, bathrooms, and outdoor spaces. This applies to all students (including those who are 21 years of age or older), and is defined as any open bottle, can, mug, cup, etc, used to transport alcohol.

Participation in Drinking Games – The University prohibits any game used for the purpose of the rapid consumption of alcohol.

Possession of a Device Used for Rapid Consumption of Alcohol – The University prohibits funnels, and any other device that can be used for the rapid consumption of alcohol.

Possession of a Keg/Beer Ball – Kegs, beer balls, or other common source containers are not permitted in any residence hall facility.

Public Intoxication – exhibiting characteristics of intoxication in public areas including but not limited to lounges, hallways, bathrooms, etc.
Unauthorized Presence/Participation of Anyone Under 21 at a University Function Where Alcohol is Being Served

Other Restrictions and Requirements –

1. Public parties and formals are prohibited. No public advertising is permitted.

2. Charging money for alcohol is against New York State Law, and strictly prohibited.

3. Food and alternative, non-alcoholic beverages must be available wherever alcohol is being served.

4. Residents of any apartment hosting a gathering (hosts) are responsible for keeping noise levels tolerable levels for other apartment and building residents. Hosts should be directly contacted regarding noise complaints. If no resolution can be reached, the Office of Safety and Security or appropriate residence life staff members should be contacted. Hosts are also responsible for any damage to University property as a result of their guests and visitors.

5. Outdoor parties are prohibited, as alcohol is prohibited in outdoor areas. Beer distributors are not permitted on campus with the exception of those contracted through Aramark for events.

Other: The University also prohibits:

- Any form of false identification
- Overt intoxication on campus
- Operation of a motor vehicle on campus while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance

Typical Sanctions for Violation of University Alcohol Policies

Sanctions are **ALWAYS** the discretion of the judicial officer conducting the hearing, and several factors are taken into account. The following is a general guideline for what students could expect when found in violation of the University Alcohol Policy. However, this should not be considered policy, as each incident is handled on an individual basis. Sanctions could be less or more severe, depending on the situation and circumstances.

**1st Violation:**
- Up to $50 disciplinary fine possible
- Educational program evaluating behaviors relating to alcohol (example: AlcoholEDU for Sanctions)

**2nd Violation:**
- $100 fine or comparable community service, and
- Parental Notification, and
- Educational program evaluating behaviors relating to alcohol and/or meeting with counselor from the Center for Student Wellness
3rd Violation:
- $200 fine or comparable community service, and
- Parental Notification, and
- Educational program evaluating behaviors relating to alcohol, and meeting with counselor from the Center for Student Wellness
- Participation in a University sponsored activity or reflection paper, and
- Residence Hall Probation and/or restriction from Apartment Selection or other aspects of the room selection process

4th + Violations – These situations are very rare, and are handled more on a situation to situation basis. They typically result in student restriction from living on campus, significant fines (minimum $400), other attendant restrictions, and/or suspension from the University for repetitive violations.

Appendix D – Bias-Related Harassment and Discrimination Policies and Procedures

A core University value is the innate goodness and dignity of each individual person. When students feel targeted or discriminated against because of a perceived identity, they do not feel like a valued member of the community. St. Bonaventure University will not tolerate acts of hatred and discrimination, and seeks to prevent Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents whenever possible. When students do feel wronged by others, it is critical to provide a fair and equitable process to bring such complaints forward and have them resolved.

Incidents motivated by bias generally fall into two categories; Bias Incidents and Hate Crimes.

**St. Bonaventure University Definition of Bias Incident** – A Bias Incident is any act committed against a person or property, not rising to the level of a crime, motivated by the offender's conscious or unconscious bias against a person or group's perceived race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic class, nation of origin, age, veteran status or marital status.

**Hate Crime** – A person commits a hate crime when he or she commits a specified offense of NYS Penal Law (PEN § 485.05 Hate Crimes) and either:

(a) intentionally selects the person against whom the offense is committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct, or

(b) intentionally commits the act or acts constituting the offense in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender,
religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct.

St. Bonaventure University will report any known incidents categorized as a Hate Crime to the appropriate law enforcement agency in accordance with the Clery Act, and will follow standard University procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct under “Implementing the Code of Conduct” whenever possible.

While many, if not most, bias incidents rise to the level of a violation of the Discrimination Policy or the Bias-Related Harassment Policy, the presence of a violation is not necessary for an occurrence to be considered a Bias-Related Incident. An offender may not be a student, may not be identified, may not be found responsible, etc. It is no less important to recognize, report, investigate and reconcile such incidents.

Policy Violations

This policy prohibits the following forms of misconduct, and considers them violations of the Code of Conduct:

**Discrimination** - Causing physical harm, verbally abusing, intimidating or engaging in other conduct that threatens the health or safety of any member of the college community based on his or her actual or perceived race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic class, nation of origin, age, veteran status or marital status. These acts include but are not limited to hazing, bullying, verbal abuse, assault, etc.

**Bias-Related Harassment** - Any unwelcome verbal or physical conduct directed against a person that occurs as a result of that person’s actual or perceived race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic class, nation of origin, age, veteran status or marital status, that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with, denies or limits someone’s ability to participate in or benefit from the University’s educational program, employment, and/or activities, and/or results in the creation of a hostile educational or work environment. Bias-related retaliation would also be considered a form of Bias-Related Harassment. Harassment may include but is not limited to: epithets, slurs, stereotyping, threatening, intimidating, hostile acts (even if claimed to be “jokes” or “pranks”). These acts may be written, graphic, electronic, verbal, physical, etc.

**Other Policy Violations Aggravated by Bias** – Any violation outlined in the Code of Conduct committed against a person or property that is aggravated by the offender’s bias against perceived race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, religion, socioeconomic class, nation of origin, age, veteran status or marital status.

Allegations of harassment and/or discrimination by students constituting violation of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy will be addressed in accordance with Appendix S. Allegations of other forms of non-biased related harassment by students will be addressed as outlined in Section VI, Implementing the Student Code of Conduct.
Judicial Sanctions for Policy Violations

When the judicial process is utilized to resolve violations of these policies, the full range of sanctions up to and including suspension/expulsion is possible for these violations. However, the University shall follow procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct, under "Implementing the Code of Conduct". Whenever appropriate, the University will seek restorative practices as a method of resolution. The intent of the sanctions imposed when a student is found responsible for the Student Discrimination Policy, the Student Bias-related Harassment Policy, or any other policy violation aggravated by bias, is to remedy the effects of the violation on the victim and/or community, educate the offender, and prevent future recurrence of the same or similar offenses.

Procedures for Reporting Hate Crimes, Bias Incidents, Discrimination and Bias-Related Harassment

Everyone is encouraged to report incidents motivated by hate and bias so that the University can investigate and resolve these issues. Whenever a Bias Incident occurs, the University calls upon the Bias Incident Response Team to make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs for how the situation should be resolved. The following are ways in which any member of the University community can report these types of incidents:

- **Bias Incident Reporting Form**
  This form can be found on MySBU and on the University website. The form can be anonymous, depending on information the reporter is willing to provide. This form sent directly to the Director of Safety and Security, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Dean of Students.

- **Silent Witness Form**
  This form can also be found on MySBU and on the University website. The form can be anonymous, depending on information the reporter is willing to provide. This form sent directly to the Director of Safety and Security.

- **Safety and Security Services**
  Anyone can report incidents directly to Safety and Security Services by calling 716-375-2525, or visiting the Safety and Security Office on the first floor west wing of Robinson Hall. The office is staffed 24/7.

- **Other Student Affairs Officials**
  The Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, the Director for Safety and Security Services, Residence Directors and Resident Assistants are all appropriate people to whom a student can report a Bias Incident or Hate Crime.
• University Ombuds Officer
  Dr. Gary Ostrower – 716-375-2553 – gostrower@sbu.edu – Francis 219-A
  The university ombuds officer hears complaints, seeks to solve routine problems, mediates disputes, and facilitates conflict resolution at SBU.

• Chair of Council on Discrimination and Harassment (CODAH)
  Dr. Russell Woodruff – 716-375-2470 – rwoodruff@sbu.edu – Plassmann B-2
  Students wishing to report a bias-related harassment or discrimination incident involving a faculty member may follow any of the above procedures, or report the issue to the Chair of the Council on Discrimination and Harassment and request the case be investigated by advocacy officers. This process is outlined by the University CODAH policies and procedures.

Possible Methods for Resolution
Whenever there is a violation of this policy and the alleged offender is known, the University may implement the judicial process as outlined in the Code of Conduct. Reporting parties can provide their recommendations to the Dean of Students, but it is ultimately up to the Dean of Students whether to formally pursue allegations, and/or which process to utilize. Other methods of resolution between parties include but are not limited to:
  • Restorative Practices
  • Mediation
  • Participation in educational programs or workshops
  • Other informal and formal means of truth finding and reconciliation

Counseling Resources for Victims
Confidential counseling is available to students, regardless of whether they choose to report incidents. The Center for Student Wellness provides free counseling services on campus to students. Additionally, clergy and staff in University Ministries are available to provide pastoral support and counseling. Confidential resources that are University employees will submit anonymous statistical information for Clery Act purposes unless they believe it would be harmful to their client, patient or parishioner.  
  Center for Student Wellness – 716-375-2310, or stop in to 127 Doyle Hall to schedule an appointment  
  University Ministries – 716-375-2600, or stop into the McGinley Carney Center for Franciscan Ministry

NYS Law on Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents and Associated Penalties
  Penal Law - PEN § 485.05 Hate crimes
  A person commits a hate crime when he or she commits a specified offense and either:
  
  (a) intentionally selects the person against whom the offense is committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race,
color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct, or

(b) intentionally commits the act or acts constituting the offense in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct.

2. Proof of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of the defendant, the victim or of both the defendant and the victim does not, by itself, constitute legally sufficient evidence satisfying the people's burden under paragraph (a) or (b) of subdivision one of this section.

3. A "specified offense" is an offense defined by any of the following provisions of this chapter: section 120.00 (assault in the third degree); section 120.05 (assault in the second degree); section 120.10 (assault in the first degree); section 120.12 (aggravated assault upon a person less than eleven years old); section 120.13 (menacing in the first degree); section 120.14 (menacing in the second degree); section 120.15 (menacing in the third degree); section 120.20 (reckless endangerment in the second degree); section 120.25 (reckless endangerment in the first degree); section 121.12 (strangulation in the second degree); section 121.13 (strangulation in the first degree); subdivision one of section 125.15 (manslaughter in the second degree); subdivision one, two or four of section 125.20 (manslaughter in the first degree); section 125.25 (murder in the second degree); section 126.45 (stalking in the fourth degree); section 126.50 (stalking in the third degree); section 126.55 (stalking in the second degree); section 126.60 (stalking in the first degree); subdivision one of section 130.35 (rape in the first degree); subdivision one of section 130.50 (criminal sexual act in the first degree); subdivision one of section 130.65 (sexual abuse in the first degree); paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section 130.67 (aggravated sexual abuse in the second degree); paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section 130.70 (aggravated sexual abuse in the first degree); section 135.05 (unlawful imprisonment in the second degree); section 135.10 (unlawful imprisonment in the first degree); section 135.20 (kidnapping in the second degree); section 135.25 (kidnapping in the first degree); section 135.60 (coercion in the second degree); section 135.65 (coercion in the first degree); section 140.10 (criminal trespass in the third degree); section 140.15 (criminal trespass in the second degree); section 140.17 (criminal trespass in the first degree); section 140.20 (burglary in the third degree); section 140.25 (burglary in the second degree); section 140.30 (burglary in the first degree); section 145.00 (criminal mischief in the fourth degree); section 145.05 (criminal mischief in the third degree); section 145.10 (criminal mischief in the second degree); section 145.12 (criminal mischief in the first degree); section 150.05 (arson in the fourth degree); section 150.10 (arson in the third degree); section 150.15 (arson in the second degree); section 150.20 (arson in the first degree); section 155.25 (grand larceny); section 155.30 (grand larceny in the fourth degree); section 155.35 (grand larceny in the third degree); section 155.40 (grand larceny in the second degree); section 155.42 (grand larceny in the first degree); section 160.05 (robbery in the third degree); section 160.10 (robbery in the second degree); section 160.15 (robbery in the first degree); section 240.25 (harassment in the first degree); subdivision one, two or four of section 240.30 (aggravated harassment in the second degree); or any attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing offenses.

4. For purposes of this section:

(a) the term "age" means sixty years old or more;
(b) the term "disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.
PEN § 485.10 Sentencing

1. When a person is convicted of a hate crime pursuant to this article, and the specified offense is a violent felony offense, as defined in section 70.02 of this chapter, the hate crime shall be deemed a violent felony offense.

2. When a person is convicted of a hate crime pursuant to this article and the specified offense is a misdemeanor or a class C, D or E felony, the hate crime shall be deemed to be one category higher than the specified offense the defendant committed, or one category higher than the offense level applicable to the defendant’s conviction for an attempt or conspiracy to commit a specified offense, whichever is applicable.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when a person is convicted of a hate crime pursuant to this article and the specified offense is a class B felony:
   (a) the maximum term of the indeterminate sentence must be at least six years if the defendant is sentenced pursuant to section 70.00 of this chapter;
   (b) the term of the determinate sentence must be at least eight years if the defendant is sentenced pursuant to section 70.02 of this chapter;
   (c) the term of the determinate sentence must be at least twelve years if the defendant is sentenced pursuant to section 70.04 of this chapter;
   (d) the maximum term of the indeterminate sentence must be at least four years if the defendant is sentenced pursuant to section 70.05 of this chapter; and
   (e) the maximum term of the indeterminate sentence or the term of the determinate sentence must be at least ten years if the defendant is sentenced pursuant to section 70.06 of this chapter.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when a person is convicted of a hate crime pursuant to this article and the specified offense is a class A-1 felony, the minimum period of the indeterminate sentence shall be not less than twenty years.

5. In addition to any of the dispositions authorized by this chapter, the court may require as part of the sentence imposed upon a person convicted of a hate crime pursuant to this article, that the defendant complete a program, training session or counseling session directed at hate crime prevention and education, where the court determines such program, training session or counseling session is appropriate, available and was developed or authorized by the court or local agencies in cooperation with organizations serving the affected community.

New York State Education Law:

EDN § 6436. Bias related crime prevention information

Each college shall inform incoming students about bias related crime prevention measures through programs which may include workshops, seminars, discussion groups, and film presentations, in order to disseminate information about bias related crime, promote discussion, encourage reporting of incidents of bias related crime, and facilitate prevention of such incidents. Such information shall include, but not be limited to:

1. the applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations on bias related crime, including the provisions and coverage of the hate crimes act of 2000 codified in article four hundred eighty-five of the penal law;
2. the penalties for commission of bias related crimes;
3. the procedures in effect at the college for dealing with bias related crime;
4. the availability of counseling and other support services for the victims of bias related crime;
5. the nature of and common circumstances relating to bias related crime on college campuses; and
6. the methods the college employs to advise and to update students about security procedures.
Appendix E – Contracts

Any individual organization initiating action to contract a service or program must adhere to the following procedures:

1. For entertainment (musical groups, lectures, comedy, etc.) and other student activities (e.g. art exhibit or sale), the potential agreement or contract must be reviewed with, and signed by, the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership or another professional staff member as designated by the Vice President for Student Affairs. The Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership and/or the Vice President for Student Affairs will be responsible to forward contracts for review by the VP for Finance and Administration as necessary under the University purchasing/contracts policy. Due to the copyright laws, it is necessary to file all entertainment contracts within the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership.

2. All contractual agreements for other services must be reviewed with the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

3. Only the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership or persons authorized by the Vice President for Finance and Administration or Vice President for Student Affairs may sign or authorize entertainment, recreational or educational contractual agreements on behalf of St. Bonaventure University.

Note: Any individual not following the above procedures may be personally responsible for losses or damages resulting from an agreement they sign without authority to do so. Inquiries may be directed to the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership or the Purchasing Office.

Appendix F – University Discrimination Policy

St. Bonaventure University provides equal opportunity without regard to race, creed, color, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability in admission, employment and in all of its educational programs and activities. Any grievance pertaining to discrimination should be directed to the Advocacy Officers via the Chair of the Council on Discrimination and Harassment.

Appendix G – Drug Policy and Drug-Free Workplace & Campus Community Policy

Drug-Free Workplace and Campus Community Policy
St. Bonaventure University recognizes substance abuse in the workplace as a danger to personal health and safety. In addition, the unlawful use of controlled substances by employees in the workplace is inconsistent with the
University’s educational mission. As such, it is the policy of the University that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of controlled substances in the workplace is prohibited. In an effort to promote a drug-free workplace and a drug-free campus community, the University urges its students/employees who experience drug-related problems to seek assistance through counseling given in drug and alcohol programs. These programs provide information about treatment and support group services for individuals who seek help. Students/employees who are experiencing performance problems in the workplace may be required to undergo treatment for substance abuse, or be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Those individuals who do undergo treatment for substance abuse will be expected to follow the prescribed aftercare program. Those convicted of violating a criminal drug statute while in the workplace will face dismissal from University service.

Policies Regarding Possession, Use, and Distribution of Controlled Substances
St. Bonaventure University expects all students to abide by NYS and federal laws pertaining to possession, use and/or distribution of controlled and illicit substances. For the definitions below, controlled or illicit substances include, but are not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, acid, etc. The following behaviors are strictly prohibited at St. Bonaventure University:

**Possession of a Controlled Substance** – having on one’s person, or knowingly being in the presence of, any controlled or illicit substances. Additionally, no one shall possess any prescription medication that is not specifically prescribed to him/her.

**Use of a Controlled Substance** – taking or consuming a controlled or illicit substance. Methods of use include, but are not limited to, smoking, injecting, snorting, inhaling, ingesting, etc.

**Distribution of a Controlled Substance** – providing controlled or illicit substances to others. This includes selling and/or giving a substance to someone else. Giving or selling to someone else medication prescribed to you is strictly prohibited. Additionally, aiding someone else in the distribution of controlled or illicit substances is strictly prohibited.

**Possession of Drug Paraphernalia** – having on one’s person and/or knowingly being in the presence of any device or materials utilized for the consumption and/or distribution of controlled or illicit substances. These include, but are not limited to, oil pens, grinders, bowls, bongs, hookahs, scales, etc.

Typical Sanctions for Violation of University Drug Policy
Sanctions are **ALWAYS** the discretion of the judicial officer conducting the hearing, and several factors are taken into account. The following is a general guideline for what students could expect when found in violation of the University Drug Policy. However, this should not be considered policy, as each incident is handled on an individual basis. Sanctions could be less or more severe, depending on the situation and circumstances. Any instance where the University has reason to believe a student is distributing a controlled substance, sanctions would be far more severe, and likely to include suspension or expulsion.

**1st Violation:**
- $100 fine
- Parental Notification
- Residence Hall Probation and/or restrictions for room selection
- Educational program evaluating behaviors relating to drugs

**2nd + Violation:** These situations are very rare, and are handled more on a situational basis. They typically result in restriction from living on campus, significant fines, other attendant restrictions, and/or suspension or expulsion from the University for repetitive violations.
Appendix H – Fan Code of Conduct

REILLY CENTER Fan Code of Conduct

St. Bonaventure University’s Department of Athletics and the Atlantic 10 Conference are committed to serving our fans by providing a secure, comfortable and enjoyable experience for all fans in and around the Reilly Center. The Fan Code of Conduct has been instituted to make sure that your experience is consistent with our commitment.

As a supporter of St. Bonaventure Athletics, we ask you to help us maintain a positive game day experience by adhering to the following:

- Fans will be treated in a consistent, professional and polite way by all staff and team personnel.
- No obscene or abusive language, gestures, signage or behavior.
- Verbal or physical confrontation, including dangerous, abusive or profane behavior is prohibited.
- Harassment of game officials or visiting team’s fans, players or coaching staff is prohibited.
- Disruptive actions or behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or illegal, including but not limited to throwing objects on the court or unauthorized trespassing on the court or other restricted areas of the Reilly Center, will result in immediate removal from the arena.
- All weapons and firearms, as outlined in the Code of Conduct, are prohibited.
- Signs of alcohol impairment in and around the Reilly Center that result in irresponsible behavior will lead to denial of entry or subject persons to arrest or ejection from the arena.
- Smoking in unauthorized areas is prohibited.
- Obscene or indecent clothing or related material will not be admitted into the Reilly Center.
- Interfering with or failure to abide by security procedures, emergency procedures or requests from staff concerning Reilly Center operations will result in immediate removal from the arena.

Fans who are unwilling to abide by the provisions outlined in this Fan Code of Conduct will be subject to ejection without refund and may also be subject to arrest and prosecution. Season ticket holders are required to abide by the Fan Code of Conduct and are also responsible for their guests.
Appendix I – Fire Safety Policies and Procedures

St. Bonaventure University adheres to all standards set forth by the New York State Department of Fire Safety, and requires that all students living in residence halls, including Townhouses, Apartments and Gardens, abide by the standards set forth below.

Fire Safety Policies

**Appliances:** The uncontrolled use of appliances can cause the overloading of circuits and result in fires in residence halls. Students are permitted to bring approved appliances provided they are all in good working order. The following are approved appliances: televisions, irons, refrigerators (not to exceed 4.5 cubic feet). Large appliances, such as refrigerators, must be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Students are encouraged to unplug appliances when not in use, and ALL items must be unplugged from outlets during breaks where the University closes its residence halls (please reference the Academic Calendar for dates which residence halls close). Many appliances are not permitted in the residence halls, including in Townhouses, Apartments and Gardens. These appliances include BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: microwaves, all sandwich and indoor grills, toaster ovens, toasters, waffle irons, hot plates, deep fryers, space heaters, propane tanks, electric frying pans or skillets, halogen lamps, Hover boards (all brands) etc.

**Bonfires/Other Outdoor Fires** – All burning or creating fires outdoors is strictly prohibited on campus grounds or property, including but not limited to creating bonfires, campfires, burning leaves, etc. Should a club or organization wish to host an organized event that includes a bonfire, special permission may be obtained only through the Office of Safety and Security Services.

**Candles and Other Sources of Ignition:** All candles, regardless of whether or not they are for decorative purposes, are strictly prohibited in all residence hall facilities. Additional sources of ignition that are prohibited in all residence hall facilities include, but are not limited to, the following: incense, lanterns, charcoal, lighter fluid of all kinds. Additionally, smoking is strictly prohibited within all residence hall facilities, and within 30 feet of the entrance/exit of all facilities.

**Evacuation During the Sounding of an Alarm:** All persons are required to follow evacuation procedures listed below in “Fire Safety Procedures.” Failing to do so will be considered a violation of this policy.

**Extension Cords, Multi-plug Adapters, Power Strips:** The New York State Fire Code has specific rules regarding the use of extension cords and similar devices. All extension cords and multi-plug adapters are strictly prohibited in all residence hall facilities. Surge protected power strips are permitted, but only power strips of the polarized or ground type, equipped with over-current protection. Power strips must be plugged directly into a permanent wall outlet. The daisy chaining of power strips (plugging one power strip into another) is strictly prohibited.

**Holiday Lights Christmas Trees, Cable Cords, Electrical Wires, etc.:** Holiday lights are only permitted to be hung for 30 days. Real Christmas trees are prohibited in all residence hall facilities. Electrical and cable cords must not be stapled or nailed to a wall or floor. Tape may be used if necessary. Additionally, no cable or electrical wiring may run underneath carpeting, through doors or windows, or along the ceiling.

**Keeping Clear Exit Pathway:** Students are responsible for maintaining a safe, healthy and clean living environment. Therefore, students must maintain a clear exit and entrance pathway free from obstruction in and
out of their residence hall room and/or apartment, in case of emergencies. Additionally, all hallways, stairwells, building entrances and exits, are to be kept clear of debris, furniture, etc.

Outdoor Grills: Students living in Townhouses, Apartments and Gardens are permitted to have outdoor grills, provided they remain outdoors and at least 30 feet away from the building. Students are also reminded that the storage of charcoal and lighter fluid indoors is strictly prohibited. Grills may not be chained or otherwise attached to any facility on campus.

Tampering with Fire Safety Equipment: Tampering with any fire safety equipment in any facility is strictly prohibited, and punishable by law. Actions such as removing batteries from smoke detectors, covering smoke detectors, tampering with sprinkler heads, affixing items to sprinkler pipes, setting off fire extinguishers, falsely pulling or otherwise activating a fire alarm, are extremely dangerous to the health and welfare of everyone, and are strictly prohibited.

Wall and Window Coverings / Ceilings: Students are prohibited from covering more than 10% of a given wall in any residence facility. Therefore all tapestries and most window coverings (other than those provided by the University) are strictly prohibited. Additionally, hanging any objects from ceilings is strictly prohibited.

Fire Safety Procedures

St. Bonaventure will consistently abide by and enforce all fire safety policies. Students living in residence halls are subject to the following procedures with regards to fire safety:

Fire Alarms and Evacuation: Whenever a fire alarm sounds, students must exit the residence facility immediately, and remain at least 50 ft. away from the building, until appropriate Residence Life or Safety and Security personnel announce that students are permitted to re-enter. Students failing to exit the residence hall during the sounding of an alarm, or re-entering the residence hall before given permission, will be subject to the judicial hearing process. In the event of a real fire, please EXIT THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY utilizing the nearest clear exit. If there is no alarm sounding, and there is a pull box along your exit pathway, please pull the fire alarm. However, if there is no pull box on your way out of the building, continue your exit and notify the Office of Safety and Security using the nearest emergency phone, or by calling 375-2525. All fire alarms must be taken seriously, and students must evacuate the residence hall immediately during any sounding of an alarm.

Inspection: All residence hall facilities are subject to unannounced fire safety inspections throughout the year. These inspections may be conducted by authorized personnel from the student life division, maintenance department, and the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control. Inspections will occur regardless of whether students are present in the room at the time.

Violations: If violations of the above mentioned fire safety policies are found during inspections, or at any other time, students occupying the room or apartment may be subject to automatic fines, and/or the judicial hearing process. Students found to be in violation of the New York State Fire Code are responsible for their individual actions and will pay restitution to St. Bonaventure University for any and all fines levied by New York state to the University as a result of their actions or violation of the law.
Appendix J – Fundraising, Sales and Solicitation Activities

Fundraising, sales and solicitation activities must be authorized, in writing, by the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership (C.A.R.L.), the organization’s designated officer, and the organization’s adviser. If the solicitation is to take place off campus the organization must also have the approval of University Advancement. Required solicitation forms are available on my.sbu.edu. The Director of C.A.R.L. must approve the solicitation form prior to any fundraising, sales or solicitation activities can take place. Clubs and organizations should write a follow up thank you to those that donate to their cause.

A. The criteria and philosophy that governs such activities are:

1. to give University organizations the opportunity to conduct legitimate money-raising activities, which provide a direct benefit or service to members of the University community, and are for the purpose of providing support for the organization to function;

2. to provide consistent and fair procedures promoting equal opportunity for all University organizations needing to implement fund-raising activities;

3. to prohibit illegal or unacceptable activities and unfair competition (e.g., similar sales at the same time). Cash and/or alcohol prizes are prohibited.

4. Sales determined to be in direct competition/conflict with permanent official University services are prohibited unless carried out in conjunction with the service (i.e. University Bookstore, CAB, travel, etc.) in question.

5. Activities determined to be for personal benefit are strictly prohibited.

6. Individual, organization and University liability is a primary concern for setting criteria, policies and procedures to govern fund-raising activities. An organization wishing to sell food must be able to show product liability insurance that the product meets standards on health, freshness, etc., or work with on campus dining services provider to prepare said items.

B. Procedure for requesting, scheduling and conducting a fund-raising, sales, or solicitation activity (this applies to approved student organizations and other groups of students):

On Campus:

1. Obtain a Fundraising Request Form and student fundraising policy/procedure information located on my.sbu.edu

2. If requesting table space in the Reilly Center, Richter Center or other student gathering areas approval must be given by Director of C.A.R.L. based on available space. Upon approval, the student organization should submit the request for space into The 25 Live Event Scheduling Software.

3. If selling goods, the C.A.R.L. Office must approve design prior to sale.

4. The Director of C.A.R.L. and a SBU Athletics Department Representative must approve a fund-raising activity to be held at a particular activity or event in the Reilly Center prior to or during basketball games. Table space will be limited and advanced registration is required.
5. Funds collected through any approved fundraising opportunity must be in the form of cash, check, designated internal donation websites and/or online payment links set up by St. Bonaventure University.
   a. External payment mechanisms including but not limited to PayPal, Venmo, and Eventbrite are not acceptable forms of payment/donations for any student club or organization purpose.

6. The sponsoring organization will be responsible for the removal of all promotional materials campus-wide within 24 hours after the activity.

7. Promotion and advertisement for the fundraising activity must conform to the standards outlined in the "Advertising for Authorized Functions" policy (Appendix C, Student Code of Conduct).

8. Gift certificates and gift cards and merchandise may be raffled.

9. Cash and/or alcohol prizes are strictly prohibited.

10. 50/50 Raffles are prohibited for clubs and organizations as they present an unfair advantage to other groups at the same event.

Residence Halls:

11. Fundraising/sales activities are permitted only on a limited basis in residence hall facilities. **Door-to-door sales are strictly prohibited.** The Associate Director of Residence Life and the Director of C.A.R.L. must approve all fundraising and solicitation activities taking place in residence halls and apartments.

Off-Campus:

1) Solicitation outside the St. Bonaventure community (i.e. Olean, Allegany, parents, alumni, and online etc.) must be authorized by the Director of C.A.R.L. and the Vice President for Advancement.
   a. No student organization may represent SBU online through online donation platforms including but not limited to Go Fund Me. If a student group obtains approval to fundraise online, they can work with the Director of C.A.R.L. and staff members from University Advancement to set up a donation website that is controlled and monitored by SBU.

2) If approved, all communication forwarded to off-campus persons must be well written and in good taste. The organization adviser and/or Director of C.A.R.L. must approve all communications including emails, notice boards, social media postings, letters, fliers, etc.

3) Organization representatives conducting off-campus fund-raising activities will need a letter of introduction and/or authorization to share with off-campus agencies.

4) All business ventures by an individual or organization, profit or non-profit, involving the selling or promoting of a product or service off campus, or involving the solicitation of funds and/or in-kind gifts off campus in the name of the University, require written approval of the Office of University Advancement. Without such approval, the Vice President for Student Affairs may impose a fine upon an organization and/or confiscate any monies collected. If it is not a student organization, the case will be presented to the Vice President for Advancement.

5) No direct solicitation of money and/or in-kind gifts may be made without expressed approval of the Vice President for Advancement.
6) Credit card vendors are not permitted. Additionally, student groups are not allowed to solicit fellow students on behalf of credit card vendors.

7) Student Clubs and organizations are to thank all donors and sponsors that contribute to their cause.

C. Request to solicit off-campus agencies/organizations/individuals:
The previously stated criteria and procedures must be followed. In addition, the sponsoring organization and University must receive direct benefit from such a solicitation activity.

D. Vendors: Vendors wishing to sell or promote a product or service for profit on the St. Bonaventure campus must comply with the following:

1) Vendor must be sponsored by a University-recognized organization. Vendors should not be sponsored without benefit to the organization. St. Bonaventure University may request a Certificate of Insurance naming St. Bonaventure University as Additionally Insured to $1,000,000 if the vendor provides any services to campus or comes on campus to sell and goods or services.

2) St. Bonaventure University supports non-profit organizations (charitable organizations) co-sponsored by a student organization. Registration with the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership is required. St. Bonaventure University may also request non-profit organizations to provide a Certificate of Insurance naming St. Bonaventure University as Additionally Insured to $1,000,000 if the vendor provides any services to campus or comes on campus to sell and goods or services.

3) Advertising (flyers, posters, social media outreach, submissions to digital displays etc.) by vendors is subject to approval from C.A.R.L. before distribution on University property may begin. Promotion and advertisement for the fundraising activity must conform to the standards outlined in the “Advertising for Authorized Functions” policy (Appendix C, Student Code of Conduct).

4) St. Bonaventure University reserves the right to limit or restrict vendors and/or the sale of certain services or products.

5) Anyone under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

6) Credit card vendors are not permitted.

E. Use of University Logos:

1) University Logo – The use of the University logo (the bell tower) is encouraged on all University publications. Please contact the Chief Communications Officer at (716) 375-2303 for approval of the use of the University logo.

2) University athletics logos – Please contact the Associate Athletic Director for External Relations at (716) 375-2319 for approval to use the University's athletics logo(s).
Appendix K – Guests/ Visitors and Visitation Policies

**Guest and Visitor** – St. Bonaventure University is private property, for use by faculty, staff, and students. St. Bonaventure University welcomes guests and visitors, and those with official business at St. Bonaventure. Guests/Visitors of resident students are limited to a 48-hour stay within a seven (7) day period. Students hosting guests overnight must register each guest with the residential staff of that building. Students with roommates must have roommate authorization in order for a guest to be registered to stay in the room. The University reserves the right to have guests leave campus immediately if they are caught in violation of our policies or state/federal laws. Guests of residential students who intend to park a vehicle on campus must also obtain a visitor pass from Safety and Security Services.

The University requests that guests and visitors abide by all University policies regarding use of facilities and maintenance of public order. While visiting the campus, vendors and guests not associated with residential students should proceed directly to the office where they have an appointment, or inquire at the Office of Safety and Security, first floor Robinson Hall, 716-375-2525.

**Visitation Policy** – visitation among students is not permitted to any residence hall floor other than one’s own residence hall floor between the hours of:

1 a.m. and 8 a.m. on weeknights
2 a.m. and 10 a.m. on weekends

**NOTE:** Students who live on a floor that is partitioned into separate wings for male and female students are not permitted on any wing other than their own during the times listed above.

Appendix L – Housing Accommodations Policies and Procedures – Disability Support Services

**Section 1. Introduction and Background**
St. Bonaventure University (SBU) recognizes the importance of providing reasonable accommodations in its housing policies and practices where necessary for individuals with disabilities to use and enjoy University housing. This Policy explains the specific requirements and guidelines which govern requests for reasonable accommodation in University housing. SBU reserves the right to amend this policy at any time as circumstances require.

**Section 2. Procedures for Requesting Reasonable Housing Accommodations**
The Director of Disability Support Services (DSS) is responsible for evaluating housing accommodation requests. A final decision on reasonable accommodation(s) will be made in consultation with the Office of Disability Support Services, the Office of Housing & Residential Education and the Center for Student Wellness. Individuals with a disability who reside or intend to reside in University housing who believe they need a reasonable accommodation must contact the Office of Disability Support Services.
Requests for reasonable accommodation in University housing policies and practices are governed by the following requirements:

1. Requesting Housing Accommodation(s)
   - An individual with a disability must complete the Housing Accommodation Request Form (p.4) to request a reasonable accommodation. This form can be obtained at the Office of Disability Support Services (within the Student Success Center) or downloaded from my.sbu.edu. If the individual requires assistance in completing the Request Form because of his/her disability, the Office of Disability Support Services will provide assistance in completing the form.
   - SBU will accept and consider requests for reasonable accommodation in University housing at any time. The individual making the request for accommodation should complete and provide the Request Form to Office of Disability Support Services based on the following dates:

   **New students starting in Fall Semester:** July 1  
   **New students starting in Spring Semester:** November 1  
   **Returning students:** March 1*

   *Housing accommodation requests must be renewed on a yearly basis. However, if the request for accommodation is made after the above dates, SBU cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet the individual’s accommodation needs during the first semester or term of occupancy.

   - If the need for the accommodation arises when an individual already resides in University housing, he/she should contact the Office of Disability Support Services and complete the Request Form as soon as practicably possible. SBU cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet the accommodation needs during the semester or term in which the request is received.

   - Absent exceptional circumstances and upon receiving the documentation requirements outlined below, the University will attempt to provide a written response to a reasonable accommodation request within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the information described above.

2. Information that May Be Requested for Housing-Related Reasonable Accommodation Requests

   The Office of Disability Support Services shall limit its requests for information to only the information necessary to verify whether the individual making the request has a disability and/or to evaluate if the reasonable accommodation is necessary to provide the individual an equal opportunity to use and enjoy University housing.

   **a. Obvious Disability:** If the individual's disability and the necessity for the accommodation are obvious (e.g. an individual with a physical disability using a wheelchair needs an accessible room), the individual need only explain what type of accommodation he/she is requesting. No verification of disability is required under these circumstances.

   **b. Non-Obvious Disability/Necessity:**

   - If the disability is obvious but the need for the accommodation is not obvious or the disability is not obvious, the University will require the individual to designate a reliable third party to complete the Housing Accommodation Verification Form (p.5). The designated third party should be someone who can verify that the requested accommodation is necessary to provide the individual an equal opportunity to use and enjoy University housing.
• A reliable third party is someone who is familiar with the individual's disability and the necessity for the requested accommodation. A reliable third-party should be a qualified professional (e.g., doctor, nurse practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist, etc.). This person is not someone who is related to the student.

• Absent exceptional circumstances, within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the completed Housing Accommodation Verification Form from the third-party, the Director of DSS will determine if the accommodation is necessary because of a disability to provide the individual an equal opportunity to use and enjoy University housing.

• If the third-party returns the Housing Accommodation Verification Form without sufficient information for the Director of DSS to determine whether an accommodation is necessary, the Director will inform the individual in writing of the verification’s insufficiency and may request additional information, including additional documentation from the student or speaking directly with the individual supplying the third-party verification, within fifteen (15) business days of receiving the verification.

• The individual making the request for accommodation must cooperate with the Director of DSS in a timely manner in providing all information needed to determine whether the requested accommodation is necessary.

3. Determination of Reasonableness
a. The Director of DSS may deny the requested accommodation if it is unreasonable.

b. An accommodation is unreasonable if it: (1) imposes an undue financial and/or administrative burden; (2) fundamentally alters university housing policies; (3) poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others or would cause substantial property damage to the property of others, including University property; and/or (4) is otherwise unreasonable to the operation of the University.

4. Approval of Accommodation
a. If the Director of DSS determines a requested accommodation is necessary and is not unreasonable, she/he will contact the individual, in writing, within seven (7) business days of its determination to discuss the implementation of the accommodation.

5. Denial of Accommodation/Appeal
a. If the Director of DSS determines a requested accommodation is necessary but unreasonable, she/he will contact the individual, in writing, within seven (7) business days of its determination and engage in an interactive process to determine if there are alternative accommodations that might effectively meet the individual’s disability-related needs.

b. If the individual is unwilling to accept any alternative accommodation offered by the Director of DSS or there are no alternative accommodations available, the Director will provide written notification to the individual of the denial, the reasons for the denial, and the right to appeal the decision. The notification will occur within seven (7) business days of the student’s stated unwillingness to accept any of the alternative accommodations offered or the determination that there are no alternative accommodations available.

c. Appeals can be submitted via St. Bonaventure University’s Grievance Procedure.

6. Confidentiality and Record-keeping
In processing requests for reasonable accommodations, the University will take all steps required by federal, state, and/or local law to protect the confidentiality of any information or documentation disclosed in connection with the requests. The Office of Disability Support Services will securely maintain records related to reasonable accommodation requests including, dates, request forms with supporting documentation, the
reason(s) for any denials, communications regarding concerns with the provision or effectiveness of the accommodations, and steps taken to resolve such concerns.

7. Non-retaliation Provision
St. Bonaventure University will not retaliate against any individual because that individual has requested or received a reasonable accommodation in University housing.

Appendix M – Identification Cards (Bona ID)

All members of the St. Bonaventure University community are required to carry their University photo identification card at all times. Upon the request of University officials, such as Residence Life/Student Affairs staff and Campus Safety and Security officers, students must display their University identification card (Bona ID). Misuse of any identification card (altering, defacing, falsifying, loaning out for meals, etc.) will be documented and referred for disciplinary action. If an identification card is lost or misplaced, the Office of Student Affairs can issue a replacement identification.

Appendix N – Procedures for Reporting Harassment

Procedures

The University believes all reports of harassment should be investigated and handled through a fair and equitable process. Anyone wishing to report harassment that is neither bias-related, discrimination, nor sexual harassment, may do so in the following ways:

1. Students wishing to report being a victim of harassment, or knowledge of another student(s) being a victim of harassment, where such harassment was allegedly perpetrated by another student, may do so through any of the following student life staff members: Residence Director (RD), Associate Director for Residential Living, Director of Safety and Security Services, Dean of Students or Vice President for Student Affairs. The report will be investigated through the appropriate channels.

2. Students wishing to report being a victim of harassment, or knowledge of another student(s) being a victim of harassment, where such harassment was allegedly perpetrated by a faculty or staff member, may do so through those listed in #1 above, or the University Human Resources office. Students reporting to those listed above should expect to receive assistance in directing the report through the proper channels.

3. Faculty or staff wishing to report being a victim of harassment, or knowledge of another faculty or staff being a victim of harassment, where such harassment was allegedly perpetrated by a student, may
do so through the Dean of Students. Any formal charges would occur through the University student judicial process.

4. Faculty or staff person wishing to report being a victim of harassment, or knowledge of another faculty or staff being a victim of harassment, where such harassment was allegedly perpetrated by a faculty or staff person, is not subject to this policy or procedure outlined here, but is subject to the Human Resources policies and procedures, or procedures outlined in the Faculty Status and Welfare Manual.

Students, faculty and/or staff will have the following procedural options if filing a report of harassment through Judicial Affairs where the alleged is a student.

a. Speak with the University Ombuds Officer
b. Obtain a “No Contact” order immediately
c. File a written report through the Dean of Students and take no action
d. File a written report with the Dean of Students and have a mediation or restorative circle (only in appropriate situations)
e. File formal University charges against the student(s) allegedly perpetrating the harassment, and participate in a Judicial Process as outlined in the Code of Conduct for all violations of University Policy.

Resources and Supportive Measures

It is not necessary for a formal report to be made to receive resources or supportive measures. Certain resources and supportive measures may be made by the Dean of Students, or appropriate designee, in an effort to protect the safety and/or well-being of any member(s) of the campus community. The University will maintain as confidential any resources or supportive measures provided, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the resources. These are intended to address the immediate and ongoing effects of harassment or discrimination, or to prevent further harm to the alleged victim and to prevent further violations. Supportive measures could include, but are not limited to:

- changes in academic, living, transportation, and working situations if those changes are requested by the alleged victim and reasonably available;
- “No Contact” Orders
- Summary Suspension or Access Restrictions as provided in the Code of Conduct under “Interim Sanctions”;
- any other interim restriction or sanction deemed appropriate by the Dean of Students.

When interim measures are issued, affected students have the right to submit evidence and request review of them by an appropriate University Official.

The University will also provide resources and supportive measures to individuals accused of misconduct and individuals otherwise involved in an investigation or proceeding under this policy.

Orders of Protection

If an outside agency or court of law has put in place an order of protection, the University will assist in upholding the order, including explaining the legal consequences for violating the order. If the University receives a report of an official order of protection being violated, the University will provide assistance in contacting the appropriate law enforcement agency.
Retaliation
Retaliation is defined in the Code of Conduct under “violations of the Code of Conduct”. Retaliation exists when an individual harasses, intimidates or takes other adverse action(s) against a person for making a good faith report of prohibited conduct, for intervening to attempt to prevent or stop prohibited conduct or assist someone who has been the target of prohibited conduct, for participating in good faith as a reporting party, respondent, witness or otherwise in an investigation or other process undertaken pursuant to this policy, or for supporting of someone involved in such an investigation or process. Retaliatory actions include but are not limited to threats or actual violence against a person or their property, adverse educational or employment consequences, ridicule, intimidation, bullying, or ostracism.

Sanctions
If a student is found responsible for harassment or related allegations through the student judicial process, all sanctions listed in the “Sanctions” section of this Code of Conduct would be considered possible outcomes, up to and including expulsion from the University.

For CODAH Policy and Procedures, go to my.sbu.edu, employee, governing documents, Discrimination and Harassment Policies and Procedures

Appendix O– Hazing Policy

St. Bonaventure University supports the emotional, psychological, and physical health and well-being of its students. Any form of hazing is unacceptable and is in direct conflict with our Franciscan heritage and University Mission, which honors the dignity of all people. All students have the right to belong to groups without risk of danger or humiliation. Consent to hazing is never a defense to a violation of this policy.

New members of clubs, organizations and teams can expect to participate in educational and fun activities that build teamwork and camaraderie among all members of the group. Such activities are intended to create a sense of identity and commitment within a group and are generally acceptable and encouraged. Students should check with the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership staff, athletics staff, club or organization advisors, etc. if there is any question about an activity constituting hazing.

Definition:

Hazing is any reckless or intentional act, occurring on or off campus, that produces physical, mental, or emotional pain, discomfort, humiliation, embarrassment, or ridicule directed toward other students or groups (regardless of their willingness to participate), that is required or expected of new members and which is not related to the mission of the team, group, or organization. This includes any activity, whether it is presented as optional or required, that places a new member in a position of servitude as a condition of membership. In addition to the activities listed below, prohibited acts of hazing include those covered under New York state law (see below).

Though it would be impossible to list all behavior that could be deemed to be hazing, the following are some typical examples of hazing and are prohibited:
1. any physical act of violence expected of, or inflicted upon, another person. Examples include but are not limited to: whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body
2. any physical activity expected of, or inflicted upon, another, including but not limited to excessive calisthenics, sleep deprivation, exposure to extreme elements, confinement in a small space, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk or harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student
3. any activity that pressures or coerces another person to consume a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other lawful or unlawful substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely effects the mental or physical health or safety of the student
4. kidnapping, forced road trips, and/or abandonment
5. required carrying of or possessing of a specific item or items
6. servitude (expecting a new member to do the tasks of an experienced member)
7. costuming, tattooing, piercing, and alteration of appearance
8. line-ups and berating
9. coerced lewd conduct
10. degrading games, activities or public stunts
11. interference with academic pursuits
12. violation of University policy
13. assignment of illegal and unlawful activities
14. any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, or that adversely effects the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the University rather than submit to the act.

Alleged violations of this policy will result in campus judicial action, and may be subject to criminal prosecution. Any retaliation against any person who reports, is a witness to, is involved with or cooperates with the adjudication of hazing is strictly prohibited, and would likely result in judicial action.

A St. Bonaventure University student commits an offense if he or she:

1. engages in hazing as defined above;
2. solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing as defined above;
3. intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permits hazing to occur; or
4. in any way participates in the planning or organization, or has firsthand knowledge of the planning or organization, of a specific hazing incident involving another St. Bonaventure student, and fails to discontinue his or her involvement in said planning or organization and report the full extent of his or her knowledge of the planned hazing incident to an appropriate Campus Security Authority (C.S.A.), prior to the occurrence of said hazing incident and with adequate time for said C.S.A. to prevent the incident.

An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing.

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1 Physical conditioning or training that is required of an athlete by a coach, or someone from the coaching staff, is not considered hazing.
New York Hazing Law

Penal Law § 120.16 Hazing in the first degree.
A person is guilty of hazing in the first degree when, in the course of another person's initiation into or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person and thereby causes such injury. **Hazing in the first degree is a class A misdemeanor.**

Penal Law § 120.17 Hazing in the second degree.
A person is guilty of hazing in the second degree when, in the course of another person's initiation or affiliation with any organization, he intentionally or recklessly engages in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to such other person or a third person. **Hazing in the second degree is a violation.**

Consent Not a Defense
It is not a defense for violation of this policy that the person against whom the hazing was directed consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.

Examples of Conditions That Create a Hazing Dynamic:

1. New members often wish to be accepted, either formally or informally, into any group, and will submit to hazing in order to be included. Because of this, consent to be hazed does not excuse hazing. Students have died or been seriously injured as a result of participating in activities to which they have “consented.” The psychological pull to be accepted is so strong that hazing victims cannot be expected to resist hazing, even if the hazing is presented as optional. That this pull can be so coercive should make this need to prohibit this conduct, to any degree, undeniably clear.

2. Any activity that places new members in a subservient position to experienced members creates an unhealthy and unsafe power dynamic in which control has been yielded to the experienced member. New members in any organization may expect to be trained, oriented, or indoctrinated, but membership in any group that puts a new member in a lesser role, unrelated to the original conditions for membership or mission of the group, is inappropriate and unfair to the new members. Any activities of membership should be equally shared among experienced and new members.

Reporting Protection
The University will take all appropriate measures to accommodate students reporting incidents of hazing, or are witnesses in investigations or judicial hearings, and are at risk for retaliation. Students who, in good faith, make reports and/or provide witness testimony in judicial hearings should do so without fear of retaliation or judicial action for unrelated violations of University Policy. Thus, the University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to provide said students with immunity with regard to such violations or infractions of University policy, as it deems appropriate on a case by case basis.

Appendix P – Leaves of Absence
A leave of absence for medical reasons must be issued by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Students must make their requests in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs at or prior to the time they are requesting to take the leave, and leaves will not be granted retroactively. Medical leaves of absence will not be entertained.
after the official last date to withdraw from classes, as established by the University’s academic calendar, with
the exception of extreme emergency cases.

Medical leave is granted by the Vice President for Student Affairs upon recommendation of the University
physician and/or Counseling Center personnel or other appropriate professionals (see below). Medical leave is
typically granted when a student’s condition makes it necessary for the student to leave campus for an extended
period of treatment. A medical leave serves a student in the following ways:

1. A student is withdrawn from classes, receives a “W” on the student transcript for those courses, and
   while the student does not receive academic credit for the courses, the student is not penalized for the
   withdrawal.
2. A student living in a residence hall is granted a space for the following semester upon readmission,
   provided that on-campus living is not a recommended restriction.
3. Financial payments to the University are reimbursed on a prorated basis.

Students leaving the University for medical reasons will be eligible to participate in the readmission process only
after they have received necessary treatment, and upon approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs, in
consultation with the Director for the Center for Student Wellness. The student may be recommended for
readmission only after the University receives written reports of evaluations from qualified health care
professionals, and the student participates in an interview with the Director for the Center for Student Wellness.
After these evaluations are complete and received by the University, a recommendation will be made to the Vice
President for Student Affairs who will make a decision regarding the student’s eligibility for readmission. The
University reserves the right to require consultations between the student and relevant professionals of the
University’s choice. Stipulations for return to the University will be outlined at the time a request for leave is
granted. Students who have withdrawn from St. Bonaventure with good standing may be readmitted when formal
application for readmission is approved by the Office of Admissions. If the student has been absent for more than
one full semester, a processing fee must be filed with the application.

Before a student is readmitted, the student must furnish an updated medical history record. Any student who
leaves St. Bonaventure University for medical reasons must complete the readmission process by July 15 for the
fall semester and by Dec. 1 for the spring semester. The readmission process requires that a student complete the
following steps:

1. make reapplication through the Office of Admissions;
2. submit a letter from the student to the appropriate University representative indicating why the student
   believes he/she is ready to return to the University;
3. provide documentation as required by the Office of Admissions;
4. discuss with the appropriate University representative(s) the request for admission. If readmission is
   approved, on-campus housing, when appropriate, will be assigned by the Housing Office.

Appendix Q – Maintenance of Public
Order and Public Demonstrations

St. Bonaventure University recognizes an individual’s right to peacefully organize for the purpose of expressing
opinions. Members of the St. Bonaventure University community are free to express opinions publicly and
privately, but in an orderly and respectful manner that does not disrupt the operation of the institution. St.
Bonaventure University reserves the right to revoke the campus privilege(s) including residency in or utilization
of any of its buildings, or on its grounds, or any occupant whose conduct, solely in the University’s opinion,
becomes injurious or potentially injurious to the academic community. St. Bonaventure University is private
property, for use by students, faculty and staff. Members of the St. Bonaventure University hosting guests and/or
visitors assume responsibility for the conduct of their guest(s)/visitor(s).
Unacceptable behavior/practices on the campus and properties of St. Bonaventure University include but are not limited to:
Harassment in any form; sexual harassment; violence against any community member or guest; theft or destruction of University or personal property; interference with academic freedom and freedom of speech; interference with an individual’s right to assemble peacefully; unauthorized occupation of any University facility, office or building; bias-related activity of any kind; lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or behavior; forcible interference with the freedom of movement of any member of the University community or guest; any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health, causes bodily or physical harm, or involves the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization; any action that jeopardizes the safety of any member of the academic community, guest or visitor.

St. Bonaventure University does not condone, nor does it forbid, public demonstration. Campus demonstrations are limited to the outdoors and may include members of the University community exclusively. Demonstrations may not be conducted within 100 yards of the University Chapel, Franciscan Friary or Center for Student Wellness. Members of the University community who choose to peacefully demonstrate must register as a scheduled campus activity through the Office of University Events and be approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs no less than 48 hours (two business days) prior to the event. A recognized student organization or University faculty/staff member must sponsor any/all campus events. Said student organization or faculty/staff member assumes all responsibility for the scheduled event. All members of the St. Bonaventure University community are expected to comply with the reasonable directives of any authorized University official, including but not limited to University Safety and Security staff members. Sound-amplification equipment may not be used at any time, in any place, or in such a manner so as to disrupt the University’s functions of teaching, public service or administration, or study and sleep in the residence halls, or other authorized scheduled event. St. Bonaventure University neither permits, nor forbids, off-campus demonstrations by members of the University community. Students as participants in local community affairs, as residents of, or visitors to, Allegany, N.Y., Olean, N.Y., or other municipalities, colleges or universities, are expected to abide by local, state and federal laws and ordinances. The University will act in situations wherein a specific act off campus endangers the welfare of the University and/or wherein members of the University community are harmed as a result of student conduct off campus.

Appendix R - Parental Notification Policy
In situations involving serious injury, illness, emotional or psychological concerns, a University medical doctor, counselor, the Vice President for Student Affairs and/or her designee may notify the parent(s)/guardian of an affected student. The Vice President for Student Affairs or her designee may notify the parent(s)/guardian of other situations (e.g. disciplinary matters or crisis situations). Where possible, the student will be aware of and have the right to initiate such notification. Unless otherwise notified by the student, the University will assume that the student agrees to the involvement of parent(s)/guardian in this process as stated above.
Appendix S – Residence Hall and Food Service Contract 2019-2020
Terms and Conditions

The services described in this agreement are offered under terms and conditions stated herein. A student indicates acceptance of this contract by electronically signing this contract. This contract will become binding for both parties when a student’s signed contract and reservation deposit are received and acknowledged by the University. Should the academic calendar for the institution change for any reason after the issuance of this contract, the University reserves the right to adjust the dates and times within the contract, and will provide students notice.

1. **Period of Contract** – This contract is for the full academic year from August 24, 2019 through 10:00am on May 15, 2020, and cannot be terminated or cancelled except under the conditions outlined below. If entered into after the beginning of the fall 2019 term, this agreement applies only to the balance of the 2019-2020 academic year.

2. **Cancellation of Contract by Applicant** –
   - All freshmen, sophomores and juniors are required to live on campus through the end of their junior year as outlined in the On-Campus Housing Residency Policy and Requirements. Exemptions to this policy can only be granted by the Vice President for Student Affairs or her designee.
   - A student requesting and receiving approval to break this contract prior to the opening of residence halls for the fall semester, or within the first two weeks of class, does so under penalty of a $200 cancellation fee, in addition to whatever pro-rata costs have accumulated for the first two weeks of class if the student did not request to cancel the contract prior to the date of opening of residence halls. A student requesting and receiving approval to break this contract after the end of the second week of class of a semester does so under penalty of the cost of the room for the entirety of that semester, in addition to the $200 cancellation fee. In order to properly cancel this contract, a student must submit a written request to the Associate Director for Residence Life for approval. Once approved, a date and time for move out will be determined between the student and the Associate Director. Should the requesting student fall under the designation of the On-Campus Housing Residency Policy, they will not be given permission to break the contract.

3. **Termination by the University**
   A. The following shall constitute grounds for the termination of this contract at the discretion of the University, represented by the Vice President for Student Affairs or her designee:
      - Default in payment due under the contract
      - Student withdrawal or transfer from the University
      - Student studying away/abroad through University program
      - Violation of the Student Code of Conduct
      - Other conduct on the part of the student determined to require removal of the student from the residence hall for his/her own best interest, or the best interest of other students
   B. Student is legally married on or after June 1, 2019
   C. If at any time during the period of the contract the University terminates the contract for cause, the student will be liable for all sums accruing to the University under the terms of the contract prior to termination.

4. **Matriculation Status Requirement** –
   A. Only students with full-time, matriculating status at the beginning of each semester are permitted to live in on-campus residence halls. Should a student fall below full-time status during the
semester, they will not be required to move out provided they are still enrolled in and attending courses.

B. Should a student fail to register for courses for the spring semester by the time they complete their last final examination of the fall semester, the student will be required to remove their belongings from their residence hall room prior to their departure for the semester break. Requests to reserve the space will not be granted.

5. **General Obligation Deposit** – The general obligation deposit of $100 (part of the enrollment confirmation deposit), which is made by the student at the time of admission to St. Bonaventure University, must remain on deposit as long as the student is enrolled. The general obligation deposit is applicable to any room damages and other indebtedness to the University and is forfeited by failure to provide notice of withdrawal from St. Bonaventure University by June 1, 2019.

6. **Room Assignment**
   A. Room assignments are made without regard to race, color or creed.
   B. Every consideration will be given to housing assignment requests, but the University cannot commit to honoring every request. Failure to honor an assignment request will not void this contract.
   C. The University reserves the right to change room or hall assignments, to assign roommates, or to consolidate vacancies, for any reason at any time. In the event one occupant moves out of a room, the student(s) who remain will be granted a short period of time to find another person to fill the space, or agree to accept an assigned roommate, or to move to another room upon request. If the student is unwilling to consolidate, the student may be required to buy out the room at a premium rate. The University is not responsible for moving personal belongings of students who are moving, even if the move is at the request of the University.
   D. Student-initiated room changes will only be permitted during the period established by the Associate Director for Residence Life. The student must show reasonable cause to his/her Residence Director for permission to move. During any other time, a room change will not be granted unless necessitated by unforeseen roommate conflicts.
   E. Any unauthorized room changes will be handled judicially, and students may be required to move back to their originally assigned space.
   F. The University does not offer family housing, and will not accommodate dependents, spouses, or any person other than the student signing the contract.

7. **Occupancy of Halls** - New students participating in Welcome Days or Orientation are permitted to move in according to the start date of the orientation program. All continuing students may move-in on or after the date and time of the official opening of the residence halls as published on the official University calendar. For the fall 2019 semester, this date is **Saturday, August 24, 2019, at 10:00am**. For the spring 2020 semester, opening of halls is **Sunday, January 19, 2020, at 1:00pm**. Early arrivals will not be permitted unless the student is sponsored by a campus office or department; unsponsored students who arrive early will be assessed a $100 fine per day prior to the published opening of the residence halls. Rooms must be vacated at the close of the period of contract no later than 24 hours after the student’s last scheduled final examination, or 10:00am of the date of residence hall closing for the semester, whichever comes first. For the fall 2019 semester, this date is **Saturday, December 14, 2019**. For the spring 2019 semester, the closing date is **Friday, May 15, 2020**, with the exception of graduating students. Graduating students must vacate rooms no later than **8:00pm on Commencement day**. A student who withdraws from the University must vacate his/her room no later than twenty-four (24) hours after withdrawal.

8. **Vacation Housing**
   Rooms may not be occupied when the halls are closed during vacation periods. Residence Halls will be closed. Exceptions will only be made for international students, students sponsored by a University office or department, or other students with extenuating circumstances deemed appropriate by the Associate Director for Residence Life, or his designee. Students must request permission to stay through the Office of Residential Education. The University reserves the right to consolidate students
approved to stay into one location in order to achieve staffing efficiency and energy savings. The location will be determined by the Associate Director for Residence Life, or his designee. Approved students will be assigned vacation housing by the Residential Education Office. The following are dates the University is closed for vacation, and students are not permitted to remain on-campus without special permission:

**Winter Break:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 (10:00am) through Sunday, January 19th, 2020 (1:00pm)

**Midterm Break (spring):** Saturday, February 29, 2020 (10:00am) through Sunday, March 8th 2020 (1:00pm)  
***Dining services will not be available until dinner.

9. **Check-In / Check-Out**

   A. **Check-In** - Each resident student assumes responsibility for the condition of his/her assigned room. The University provides each resident student with an electronic room condition report for this purpose. This form is to be completed and reviewed within the first week of classes, to assess the present condition of the room and to ensure proper damage billing when the student moves out.

   B. **Check-Out** – When the student moves out of the room for any reason at any time, the student must comply with the proper check-out procedures. The preferred method is Express Check-Out. An Express Check-Out form and key envelope must be obtained from a Residential Education staff member, and can likely be found in the RA Office for that residential area. The student must complete the form, place the room/building key(s) in the key envelope, and return both to a Residential Education staff member. Every student has the right to have a professional staff member evaluate the room in his/her presence to do a preliminary damage assessment. While the Express Check-Out form waives this right, students choosing to have a professional staff member evaluate the room must make arrangements with the Residence Director in advance of their departure. This preliminary assessment done with the room condition report may not be the final inspection, as final damage assessments cannot be made until all occupants of the room have removed all of their belongings. Failure to properly check-out, either with Express Check-Out or with a professional staff member, will result in a $25 Improper Check-Out fine, in addition to whatever key charges may apply.

10. **Keys** – When checking into the residence hall, room keys will be issued by the Residential Education staff to all students living in that building/area. When the student moves out of the room, all keys must be returned to the residential education staff, as outlined in the check-out procedures above. If a student does not properly check-out, and fails to return all assigned keys, he/she must pay the lock change fee. If a student loses his/her key, he/she must report this loss immediately to the Residential Education office, and the student must pay a lock change fee. This fee is variable, and is billed to the student’s account. Students are not permitted to duplicate or copy keys, or give their keys to another individual.

11. **Fire/Theft/Damage** – The University is not liable for a student’s property which may be lost, stolen or damaged in any way, wherever or whenever this may occur on the premises, including storage facilities. The student agrees to pay for damages, lost property, or necessary services caused by him/her to University residence halls, apartment buildings, individual rooms, or grounds because of his/her negligence or intent. The student will share the total cost of group damages to the student’s floor, wing, building, and/or apartment, which cannot be ascribed to any individual. Where two or more students occupy the same room, and responsibility for damage or loss cannot be ascertained by the Residential Education team, the cost of the damage or loss will be divided and assessed equally between or among the residents of the room. Damages to University facilities, furnishings or equipment that cannot be assigned to an individual student may be assigned to the floor or building if the Residence Director determines there is a community responsibility for the damage or loss.

12. **Room Care** – The student is responsible for cleaning his/her own room, removing waste materials regularly, and maintaining sanitary and safety conditions acceptable to the University, so as to promote a healthy and productive atmosphere within the University residence facilities. Student rooms, common areas and University facilities may not be physically altered in any way. University furnishings may not be removed from student rooms or common areas for which that furniture was allocated. The stacking, dismantling or altering of University furnishings / equipment is strictly
prohibited. University furnishings are to be used in a manner consistent with the intended use of the
item. Dartboards, nails, hooks, anchors, or any device that may damage University structures,
equipment, facilities or furnishings are not permitted. Residents may not install cables, wires, ropes or
other devices into corridors or between rooms. Additional furniture, major appliances and fixtures are
strictly prohibited in residence hall rooms. Students are also expected to abide by all policies and
procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

13. **Room Entry** – The University affirms its respect for residents’ rights to maximum privacy in their
room, apartment, and/or townhouse. All resident students are subject to Section IV part D of the
Student Code of Conduct referencing “Room / Property Search and Inspection”

14. **Pets** – Pets are not permitted in any University facility. NOTE: Modifications will be made to allow
the presence and use of service animals in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of
1973, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Fair Housing Act. Should a student require a
service or emotional support animal, they must contact Disability Support Services, and abide by the
policies and procedures set forth for obtaining approval.

15. **Fire Safety** – Resident students are required to abide by all Fire Safety Policies and Procedures
outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

16. **Policies and Procedures** – The student must comply with all policies and procedures set forth in the
University publications that are prescribed by reference, especially in the Student Code of Conduct and
the University Catalog. The student is obligated to be familiar with said policies and procedures,
especially those pertaining to his/her occupancy in the residence halls. Acceptance of the terms of this
contract assumes knowledge of the above described.

17. **Failure to Provide Accommodations** – In the event the University is unable to provide
accommodations described herein because of strikes, walkouts, or other circumstances beyond the
control of the University, the University will determine refunds of room and board on a pro-rata basis.
In no event will the liability of the University exceed the pro-rata portion of the room and board
charges actually paid by the student.

18. **Meal Plans** –

   A. **Residential Meal Plan Requirement** - A student living in a residence hall must purchase one of
the following meal plans: Bona Platinum, Bona Gold, Bona Silver. The only exceptions are
students living in the townhouses or apartments and graduate students. If a student’s room
assignment changes from an Apartment to a regular residence hall, the student will be required to
take a full meal plan (Silver, Platinum or Gold), regardless of whether the change is student
initiated or mandated by the University. The change will take effect the day the room switch is
finalized, and the student will automatically be assigned a Silver plan if he/she does not indicate
otherwise.

   B. **Unused Flex Dollars and Block Plan Transfer** – Unused flex dollars and student block plan
meals will transfer from the fall to spring semester. At the end of the spring semester, unused Flex
Dollars and student block plan meals are nonrefundable and cannot be transferred to the summer
or the new academic year. Absolutely no reimbursements will be given for unused meal plans or
Flex Dollars.

   C. **Meal Plan Changes** – Within the abovementioned guidelines, students may change their meal
plan during the first ten (10) business days of each semester only. This policy is strictly enforced.
Meal plan changes are done online.

   D. **Meal Plans and Dining Availability during Break Periods** - Meal plans are not in effect and
cannot be used when the campus and/or residence halls are closed during specified vacation
periods, Christmas/semester break and spring semester mid-term break. **Additionally, there will be no dining services available on Thanksgiving Day and Easter Day.**

**Contract Agreement:**
I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Terms and Conditions of the Residence Hall and Food Service Contract Terms and Conditions. I hereby agree to comply with all terms and conditions set forth herein. I understand that this contract is binding for both fall and spring semesters, with exceptions outlined under Terms and Conditions of this contract. I agree to pay the contract rates as they have been announced above.
Appendix T – On-Campus Residency Requirement

All St. Bonaventure University students (including transfer students) are required to live on-campus throughout their freshman, sophomore and junior years except as noted below. The terms freshman, sophomore, junior and senior are defined by credit hour as outlined in the University Catalog. The Residence Hall and Food Service Terms and Conditions are binding for both fall and spring semesters of that academic year. Therefore, a student’s residency requirement for the entire academic year is determined by that student’s status at the beginning of that academic year. As part of the Residence Hall and Food Service Terms and Conditions, undergraduate students living in dormitory style housing (Doyle, Devereux, Robinson, Falconio, Shay, Loughlen or Francis halls) are required to have either a silver, gold or platinum meal plan. Only students with full-time, matriculating status at the beginning of each semester are permitted to live in on-campus residence halls. Should a student fall below full-time status during the semester, he or she will not be required to move out provided they are still enrolled in and attending courses.

Exceptions to this housing residency requirement include:

1. Students commuting from home, when home address is within 50 miles of St. Bonaventure University.
2. Married students or students with dependent children.
3. Students age 23 years or older at the start of the academic year.
4. Students whose Residence Hall and Food Service contract is terminated by the University (see “Termination by the University” in most current Residence Hall and Food Service Terms and Conditions).
5. Students who are restricted from living on campus as a result of a judicial hearing sanction.

Students wishing to request an exception to this policy for extenuating reasons not covered above must complete the Housing Residency Exception Request Form and submit it to the Vice President for Student Affairs for consideration. Students to whom the above exceptions do not apply, or who do not receive permission from the Vice President, and do not participate in the room selection process, will be assigned a room after room selection, and billed for room and meal plan.

Appendix U– Service Animal and Emotional Support Animal Policy and Procedures

While St. Bonaventure University enforces a no-pet policy in its residence halls (with the exception of fish, not exceeding 10 gallons) and campus facilities, it is acknowledged that some members may require the use of service or assistance animals. St. Bonaventure University recognizes the importance of Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) and the broader category of Emotional Support Animals under the Fair Housing Act that provides physical and/or emotional support to individuals with disabilities. St. Bonaventure University is committed to allowing individuals with disabilities the use of a Service Animal on campus to facilitate their full participation and equal access to the University’s programs and activities. St. Bonaventure University is also committed to allowing Emotional Support Animals necessary to provide individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to use and enjoy University housing. The University reserves the right to amend this Policy as circumstances require. Set forth below are guidelines.
Definitions

**Service Animals** - A “service animal” is an animal trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual’s disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, pulling a wheelchair, or assisting an individual during a seizure. The ADAAA limits service animals to dogs and, in some circumstances, miniature horses. Service animals are not considered “pets” and are explicitly permitted to accompany the disabled person in all areas of the University where the disabled person is authorized to be. In extremely unusual circumstances, a service animal may not be permitted in a specific area, such as in an animal research lab if the service animal’s presence would pose a danger or interfere with research activities. In those cases, the University will work with the individual to explore alternative accommodations for the individual to participate in the University’s program.

**Emotional Support Animals (ESA)** - An ESA is not specially trained to assist a person with a disability and, therefore, is not a service animal. An ESA is required by a member of the St. Bonaventure University community in order to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy their residence hall room or to participate in the housing program. The animal provides emotional support which alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person’s disability. There must be an identifiable and medically indicated relationship between the individual’s disability and the assistance the animal provides. A person with a medically documented need for an ESA is permitted to have the animal in his/her residence. An ESA is not permitted to accompany the individual with a disability in “no pet” areas of the University, other than his/her residence hall.

**Pet** - A pet is an animal kept for ordinary use and companionship unrelated to a disability. A pet is not considered a service or ESA. Pets, other than fish, are prohibited from residing and/or visiting University residence halls. Further, pets are not permitted in the facilities of St. Bonaventure University.

**Approved Animal** - An approved animal is a Service or ESA authorized pursuant to this policy.

**Owner** - The owner is a person with a disability who uses an authorized service or emotional support animal.

**PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING ACCOMMODATION FOR USE OF SERVICE OR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS**

Service and emotional support animals may not reside in University housing without express pre-approval of University officials.

**SERVICE ANIMALS**

Students intending to bring a service animal to campus and/or to live with a student in a residence hall are requested to inform the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) 100D Plassmann Hall. Students are encouraged to make this notification by July 1 for fall term, November 1 for spring term, and March 1 for summer term to allow adequate time to make arrangements. Notification to DSS of the need for a service animal will assist the University in making any necessary preparations, as well as ensuring that appropriate University employees are made aware that the animal is a service animal authorized to be on campus. If it is readily apparent that the individual has a disability and that the animal is a service animal, no further information will be requested. If it is not readily apparent that the animal is a service animal, the individual may be asked if the animal is a service animal required because of a disability and to explain the work or task that the animal has been trained to perform. The animal will not be required to demonstrate this task and no documentation of training will be required. If the service animal is a miniature horse, additional consideration will occur, including but not limited to whether the animal is controllable by the owner and will not present a safety risk.

**EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS**
No Emotional Support Animal may be kept in University housing at any time prior to the individual receiving approval as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to this Policy.

- To begin the process, students must complete the Assistance Animal Request Form, available at the DSS office in Plassmann Hall 716-375-2065 or www.sbu.edu
- Before a request for an assistance animal is reviewed, the student must submit sufficiently specific documentation, completed by a treating physician or qualified non-University health provider, to the DSS Director which permits him/her to determine that (1) the individual has a disability (2) the animal is necessary for the individual to have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy their residence, and that (3) there is an identifiable relationship between the disability and the assistance that the animal provides.
- Once the request and supporting documentation is submitted, in writing, to the DSS Director, it will be reviewed in consultation with Residential Education and the Center for Student Wellness (if necessary) to determine if an assistance animal is an appropriate accommodation to the University housing policy.

The Director of DSS may consider the following factors, among others, as evidence in determining whether the presence of the animal is reasonable or in the making of housing assignments for individuals with Emotional Support Animals:

- The size of the animal is too large for available assigned housing space;
- The animal's presence would force another individual from housing (e.g. serious allergies);
- The animal's presence otherwise violates individuals' right to quiet and enjoyment;
- The animal is not housebroken or is unable to live with others in a reasonable manner;
- The animal's vaccinations are not up-to-date;
- The animal poses or has posed a direct threat to the individual or others such as aggressive behavior towards or injuring the individual or others.

Students are encouraged to place their request for use of an assistance animal in University residence halls by July 1 for fall term, November 1 for spring term, and March 1 for summer term to allow adequate time to make arrangements. While requests submitted after these dates will be accepted and considered, St. Bonaventure University cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet late applicants’ needs in time for the beginning of the semester. The Director of DSS, Residential Education and Center for Student Wellness meets as needed to determine on a case by case basis and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations whether the animal is a reasonable and appropriate accommodation for the student making the request. If the request is submitted by the deadlines listed above, the student will be notified in advance of moving into a residence hall room regarding the status of the application.

**Emotional Support Animal’s paperwork requirements:** Before an emotional support animal is permitted on campus as an accommodation, its paperwork must be on file with DSS.

- Health and vaccination records: the animal must have an annual exam from a licensed veterinarian that does not identify health issues sufficient enough to prevent the animal from providing the necessary assistance to the individual. The animal must also have updated vaccinations, including but not limited to, the general maintenance vaccine series and any vaccinations deemed necessary by a licensed veterinarian. The animal must also wear a rabies vaccination tag.
- Licensing: Owner must follow all local or hometown licensing laws and tag laws.

**OWNERS RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING USE OF A SERVICE OR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL**
Members of the St. Bonaventure University community with a Service Animal: The supervision of the animal is solely the responsibility of its owner. The owner must be in full control of their animal at all times, as outlined below. The owner is expected to ensure the health, safety, and humane treatment of their animal. The owner agrees to continue to abide by all other University policies. Reasonable accommodation which may constitute
an exception to a policy that otherwise would prohibit having an animal does not constitute an exception to any other policy. The Office of Residential Education and Conduct has the ability to relocate owner and approved animal as necessary according to the Housing contract. St. Bonaventure University personnel may intervene if the animal is found unattended, in need of care, or is causing a disturbance.

**Under control of owner:** The animal must be under the owner’s direct physical control with a harness, leash, or another tether, unless either the owner is unable because of a disability to use these, or the use of one of these would interfere with the service animal’s safety, effective performance of work or tasks. If so, the service animal must be otherwise under the owner’s control (e.g. voice control, hand signals, or other effective means).

- The animal’s behavior must not be disruptive to its surroundings or other members of the University community. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to, jumping on people, barking, growling, excessive odor, taking food from dining area tables, or taking personal belongings of individuals other than the owner.

**Proximity to owner:** While on campus, in areas including classes, public areas or residences, food venues, or assembled gatherings, the animal must be in close physical proximity to the owner.

- Animals in University housing may not be left for extended periods of time either unattended or to be cared for by someone other than the owner.

**Clean up and grooming requirements:** The care of the animal is solely the responsibility of its owner. The animal must be housebroken. The owner shall:

- Always carry equipment sufficient to clean up the animal’s waste and immediately remove and dispose of the waste. Members of the University community who are not physically able to pick up and dispose of animal waste are responsible for making all necessary arrangements for assistance. St. Bonaventure University is not responsible for this task.

- Keep the animal clean, well groomed, and free of pests. If University facilities are used to bathe the animal, the owner will clean the area when done. Members of the University community who are not physically able to bathe the animal or clean University facilities when done are responsible for making all necessary arrangements for assistance. St. Bonaventure University is not responsible for this task.

**Health and safety:** The owner is expected to ensure the health, safety, and humane treatment of their animal.

- St. Bonaventure University personnel shall not be required to provide care or food for any animal including, but not limited to, removing the animal during emergency evacuations for events such as a fire alarm. Emergency personnel will determine whether to remove the animal and may not be held responsible for the care, damage to, or loss of the animal.

**Members of the St. Bonaventure University community with an Emotional Support Animal in University housing:** The care of the animal is solely the responsibility of its owner. The owner agrees to all of the requirements outlined above, with the exception of the identification recommendation, in addition to the requirements outlined below. The owner agrees to continue to abide by all other University policies. Reasonable accommodation which may constitute an exception to a policy that otherwise would prohibit having an animal does not constitute an exception to any other policy. The Office of Residential Education and Conduct has the ability to relocate owner and approved animal as necessary according to the Housing contract. University personnel may intervene if the animal is found unattended, is in need of care, or is causing a disturbance.

- The assistance animal is only permitted within the owner’s residence hall room when the owner is present.

- The owner is responsible for ensuring the assistance animal is contained, as appropriate, when the owner is not present during the day while attending classes or other activities.

- The owner must submit annual proof of immunizations as required to the Director of DSS.

**LACK OF CLEANLINESS AND DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE SERVICE OR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL**

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All members of the University community are responsible for any extra cleaning required or damage to University property which is caused by them. The owner shall also be responsible for any extra cleaning required or damage to University property which is caused by the service or emotional support animal.

- The owner’s residence may be inspected for fleas, ticks, or other pests during the regularly scheduled housing inspection by the Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) office. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through inspection, the residence or work area will be treated using approved fumigation methods by a university-approved pest control service. The owner will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment.
- The owner’s residence may be inspected to ensure it is being properly cleaned and that sanitary and safe conditions are being maintained. If required, the owner will be billed for the expense of the additional cleaning required.
- The owner’s residence may be inspected for physical damage during the regularly scheduled housing inspection. The owner will be billed for the expense of any damage to the University residence or University furnishings within the residence that are caused by the animal.

MANAGING DISABLING CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Within University residences, the health and well-being of all roommates, suitemates, apartment mates, and building occupants will be considered.

- Members of the University community with medical conditions(s) that are affected by animals (e.g., respiratory diseases, asthma, severe allergies) are asked to contact the Office of Residential Education if they have a health or safety related concern about exposure to an animal.
- Roommates, suitemates, apartment mates, will be made aware of the planned presence of an animal in their residence by the Office of Residential Education. They will be asked to sign an acknowledgment stating that they understand they will be living in the presence of an animal and are aware of how to address concerns if needed. In the event that a roommate, suitemate, and/or apartment mate has an allergy or other physical or emotional condition aggravated by the presence of the animal, the University will work with the students involved to find a housing solution acceptable to all. However, when faced with students with incompatible medical needs, the University may find it necessary to relocate one or more students involuntarily, including, where the University deems appropriate, the student with the animal.

REMOVAL OF A SERVICE OR ASSISTANCE ANIMAL

St. Bonaventure University may pursue the process for determining if an approved animal should be removed from campus housing for the following reasons:

- The animal is not under the direct physical control of the owner
- The animal’s behavior is disruptive to its surroundings or other members of the University community
- The animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others
- The animal’s presence fundamentally alters the nature of a program or activity
- The owner fails to comply with any of their responsibilities under this policy

Process for removal of a service or assistance animal:

- Any member of the University community may submit a complaint about a service or assistance animal, identifying one or more concerns in the areas listed above.
- The University will investigate the situation. If the University determines that a violation of this policy occurred, the owner of the animal will be informed, and the University will take appropriate responsive measures. The University’s responsive measures will depend on the circumstances of the situation. Where reasonable, the University will work with the owner to resolve the situation in a way that allows the owner to continue to have the service or assistance of the animal or another animal. The University reserves the right to require an owner to remove the animal from University property.
Appendix V – Smoke-Free Policy

In compliance with New York State law, and faithful to the core values of St. Bonaventure University, the following smoke-free regulations have been adopted, and apply to all legal smokable products, including but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and “vaping”:

1. **Smoke-free Workplace**: St. Bonaventure University guarantees its employees and students a smoke-free workplace. Smoking is prohibited in ALL indoor areas of the University, including University vehicles and all residence facilities, as well as ALL outdoor areas of the University main campus (east and west side) property.

2. **Tobacco Products**: Sale of tobacco products is prohibited on campus.

3. **Posting of Signs**: “Smoke-Free” signs will be prominently displayed. Additionally, copies of this policy will be posted on the University Web site, employee handbooks and available to all employees and prospective employees upon request.

4. **Enforcement**: Complaints may be directed to the director of Safety and Security, the University’s agent responsible for enforcing this policy, and/or the residence life staff for violations occurring in the residence halls. Failure to comply with this policy places both the smoker and the University at risk of substantial civil penalty.

   a) **Sanctions**: Sanctions for students will be imposed as a result of a University judicial hearing.

   b) **Repeated violations**: Repeated violations of this policy may be cause for severe disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from employment (for employees) or expulsion (for students). These sanctions will be assessed through already existing University procedures.

This prohibition applies to all University events and events held on University grounds or property, and applies to all members of the University community including faculty, staff, students, friends, volunteers, patients, customers, vendors, contractors, guests and visitors.

NYS Smokers Quit Line - [https://www.nysmokefree.com/](https://www.nysmokefree.com/)

CDC Smoking & Tobacco Use (**Quit Smoking**) - [https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/quit_smoking/index.htm?s_cid=osh-stu-home-nav-002](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/quit_smoking/index.htm?s_cid=osh-stu-home-nav-002)
Appendix W – Social, Recreational and/or Educational Activity Policies

1. All University organizations and departments must contact the University Events Office and the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership (Richter Center) as the first steps in scheduling a special event, activity or program. In addition, both offices will assist your organization or department in making your event a successful event across the board. In order to ensure compliance with University policy and procedure, and to best ensure a successful event for all concerned, the following areas should be given careful consideration:

   a. Scheduling a facility
   b. Technical needs to include sound & light reinforcement, multi-media, etc.
   c. Ticket sales
   d. Marketing
   e. Research, planning, advertising, promotion, production and assessment
   f. Risk awareness
   g. Policies and procedures
   h. Security
   i. Food Service
   j. Transportation
   k. Hospitality
   l. Contracts
   m. Labor
   n. Anticipated attendance
   o. Goals and Objectives
   p. Anticipated outcomes
   q. Analysis of who, what, why, when and where

2. Every student club and organization that plans to do a special event, activity, or program needs to complete a Club/Organization Event Request Form on MySBU. This form must be completed and approved by the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership prior to any special event, activity, or program taking place. All events must also be reserved on 25Live to ensure placement on the University calendar and to receive assistance with special event needs. It is further understood that prior to approval, no advertising or promotion of the event will take place in any form.

It is understood that no student, student club or organization member, officer, or adviser is permitted at any time, to commit any current or future St. Bonaventure University resources in support of a program or event without the approval and written consent of the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership. Also, any inquiries or contacts made outside the University by a student club or organization towards securing goods or services from a vendor, implied or otherwise, both verbal or in writing, are not considered valid by the University without the approval of the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership. It is further understood that student club and organization officers, members, and advisers cannot commit University or student funds either allocated or raised under University guidelines to any student for services or goods to be rendered, without the approval and written consent of the Assistant Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership. As per University purchasing policy, student club and organization officers, advisers, and members must submit a Club/Organization Purchasing Request Form, located on MySBU. Goods or services cannot be ordered or purchased before receiving permission, and following these procedures. Failure in any way to comply with this University purchasing policy will make the non-compliant party or parties responsible for the debt incurred to the outside vendor.
3. The organization sponsoring a special event, activity or program is responsible for any and all damages caused by those attending and the organization must pay the cost of repairing any damages and/or replacement costs. If the organization contests payment, the matter will be brought to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

4. Student organizations (including all student members of the organization) require an adviser (chaperone/s) when traveling/representing St. Bonaventure University. A sufficient number of advisers (chaperones) are required to adequately supervise the number of students representing St. Bonaventure University at an event/function away from campus. Please refer any questions related to organizational travel to the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership. Please note: A Risk Awareness/Travel Agreement form is required of each person prior to traveling on a University-sponsored trip.

5. Students traveling internationally while participating in extra-curricular activities, including University social and service-related trips, must complete the required medical form available through University Health Services.

6. The organization sponsoring a special event, activity, or program is responsible for the maintenance of good order and proper behavior and must abide by the rules and regulations as outlined by the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership, and under the provisions outlined by St. Bonaventure University and Student Code of Conduct.

ID/GUESTS: Campus Rathskeller
1. All SBU persons attending over- and under-age events with alcohol being served must have a St. Bonaventure University identification card to gain admittance to the event.

2. All SBU persons and/or guests who wish to purchase and consume legal beverages at the campus Rathskeller must have a legal form of appropriate identification.

3. A member of the SBU community, if applicable, must accompany all guests. Students are responsible for the conduct and behavior of their guest(s).

4. If the event of a program is deemed a closed event by the organization sponsoring it (meaning open to those only of age and/or members of a particular class), appropriate legal identification is required for admittance.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:
1. The University and New York State prohibit showing or carrying any form of false identification, public intoxication, and operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

2. When legal beverages are purchased at the Rathskeller, non-alcoholic beverages and high protein foods must be available during the hours of operation and must be free of charge during closed events.

All University, federal, state and local laws and regulations are in effect at events in which legal beverages are available for purchase. It is further understood by all attending who purchase and consume alcoholic beverages at these events, that they will do so in a responsible manner and will not drink alcohol and drive a motor vehicle.
Appendix X – Student Clubs and Organizations Policies and Procedures

Each student is strongly encouraged to become involved in the University by becoming a member of a student organization(s). The Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership and the Student Government Association coordinate, initiate and respond to concerns relating to student organizations. Organizational members and advisers are expected to keep these offices informed. All activities and projects must be registered with these offices.

1. Issuance of Charters
   a. A University-recognized organization may exist on campus only when it has received a charter from Student Government. Petitions for a charter must include:
      i. The name and purpose of the group
      ii. The appropriate membership expected
      iii. The name of the advisor of the group
   b. When a group receives a charter, the names of the responsible officers and a copy of the group’s constitution must be submitted to Student Government as soon as they are established. All chartered student organizations must submit an organization registration form and an updated constitution to Student Government.

2. Revocation of Charters
   a. A charter may be revoked by Student Government, in consultation with or at the request of the Director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership in the following instances:
      iv. If an organization does not follow its original intent and guidelines
      v. If there is a mismanagement of University appropriated funds
      vi. If the organization is found to be responsible for serious violations of University policy
      vii. If the organization is found to be responsible for serious violations of local, state or federal law
   b. A student organization may appeal a decision concerning the revocation of its charter to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

3. Membership in Student Organizations
   a. Active membership in student organizations is open to full-time and part-time students in attendance at St. Bonaventure University as well as to the academic and administrative staff of the University. Other persons may be inactive members of a student organization if its constitution or by-laws so provide.
   b. Only active members may:
      i. Hold an office in the organization
      ii. Preside, officiate and vote at the meeting
      iii. Distribute materials on campus on behalf of the organization. Inactive members may assist an active member in distributing materials, but an active member must be present at all times.
      iv. Solicit funds on behalf of the organization.

4. Advisers to Student Organizations
   a. Every student organization must have an adviser. The advisers for the University’s organizations are subject to final appointment, on an annual basis, by the director of the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership, after consultation with the appropriate organization. The adviser must be a member of the administrative staff or faculty. The adviser’s responsibilities and the organization’s responsibilities to the advisers will be distributed to each at the beginning of the year.
b. Use of the University’s name – Events or activities sponsored by student organizations must not be advertised or promoted in such a way as to suggest that they are functions sponsored by the University.

Appendix Y – Student Complaint Policy and Procedures

St. Bonaventure University is committed to excellence in the academic and support services we provide to our students. To properly address issues and continuously improve, the university encourages students having concerns with their educational experiences or the quality of services they receive to share them with those in positions to help.

The procedures outlined below are intended to provide structure for resolving these concerns. While these procedures do not provide an avenue for anonymous reports, the university reinforces its commitment to confidentiality: This information will only be shared with those in a position to help resolve the complaint or those responsible for tracking the progress of the resolution. This policy is not a replacement for existing disciplinary procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct, Title IX procedures, or other existing appeals processes.

Most concerns should be handled directly through the department in which the issue originates.

1. Student concerns about a course, a faculty member, or issue directly related to instruction should be initially raised with the faculty member or with the faculty member’s department chair or the chair of the department where the issue originates. Should the concern fail to be addressed at that level, the issue should then be raised to the dean of the school from which the issue originates.

2. Student concerns with a staff member or a non-academic policy or procedure should be initially raised directly with that staff member or a staff member in the area in which there is a policy or procedure complaint. If the complaint cannot be resolved at this level, then the issues should be raised with the staff member’s direct supervisor. Should the concern fail to be addressed at that level, the issue should then be raised to the director of the area.

3. The university ombuds officer is always an option for students, faculty and staff to consult to find resolution to conflicts or other concerns. The ombuds officer focuses on conflict resolution and problem solving. The ombuds officer contact information can be found here: Conduct at SBU.

4. Student concerns about other issues related to student life may be raised through Student Government Association. Students may contact SGA to determine who their representative is, or may seek assistance through the SGA executives.

5. Students having concerns or grievances about another student should consult policies and procedures outlined in the student Code of Conduct.

Concerns not resolved after following the steps outlined above then can be brought forward as formal complaints to the appropriate executive officer utilizing our Student Complaint Form. Students submitting a complaint through this form should expect to hear back about the status of their complaint within 14 class days of submission.

Students who believe their concerns have not been adequately addressed after seeking assistance through all of the abovementioned parties have the right to register their issue with the New York State Department of
Education Complaint Form. The state Department of Education does not intervene in matters concerning an individual’s grades or examination results, as grading is the prerogative of the institution’s faculty. The state DOE will not accept anonymous complaints or complaints not processed through all available institutional avenues.

Appendix Z – Students with Disabilities Policy

Under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, St. Bonaventure University is mandated to make reasonable accommodations for otherwise qualified students with disabilities. These limitations may include visual or auditory impairments, learning disabilities, orthopedic involvement, mobility impairment or other medical conditions. Individuals with non-visible disabilities, such as seizure disorder, head trauma, emotional illness or diabetes may also be entitled to receive support services. Specific accommodations will be arranged with each student depending on the type and extent of the disability. The full policy statement entitled St. Bonaventure University Policy Statement – Students with Disabilities is available in the Disability Support Services Office in the Teaching and Learning Center in Doyle Hall.

Appendix AA – Surveillance

Safety and Security works to ensure the safety of the campus community, minimize crime or other behavioral problems, and maintain an appropriate academic and residential environment. The Office of Safety and Security is authorized to monitor, prevent, investigate and report any violations of state or federal law, and/or University regulations or Code of Conduct on campus.

Safety and Security officers patrol the campus regularly. In addition, the campus is monitored by a closed-circuit television/camera system. Cameras are located outside and inside many campus buildings, including residence halls and academic buildings.

Appendix AB – Technology Policy

Technology Services

Due to rapid changes in technology, you should refer to our Web site at http://technology.sbu.edu for the latest information and support for using University technology, software, and network services. Also, please read the computer use policy available on our tech assistance Web site within our MySBU portal.

Connecting to University Network

All students will be required to have virus protection installed on their computers before connecting to the network. Users running Microsoft Windows operating systems will also be required to update the critical patches provided by Microsoft. Critical patches address system vulnerabilities as they are found in Microsoft’s operating systems. Most systems are automatically set to install updates as they are released. However, you should check periodically to make sure this is being done. Please contact the Helpdesk if you have any questions on updates.

Computer/Phone Support

Students are ultimately responsible for their own computers and phones. Technology Services reserves the right
to refer students back to the vendor for further technical support. If you are experiencing problems, contact the Helpdesk (716-375-7600). The Helpdesk office is located on the first floor of the library building. Staff is available from 8:00 a.m. through 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. through 5 p.m. on Fridays. You can leave a voice mail message after hours or send an e-mail to helpdesk@sbu.edu and someone will contact you the next business day. You may also want to visit our Web site at https://my.sbu.edu/tech-assistance for the latest updates and information.

**SBU Accounts**

Your SBU network account is used to log into all of the web services available at St. Bonaventure such as your email account, My SBU, Moodle and more. Your username & password is the key that provides access to your personal information. Do not share your password with anyone including your roommate, boyfriend, girlfriend or even family members.

*SBU employees will never ask you for your password in any manner; email, etc... Remember: someone with your password can change your courses, access your financial records, employment information and more.*

**Your SBU Email account** (Office 365) is the account that will be used for all official communications from various campus offices and faculty. Your email address will be: username@bonaventure.edu. Your Bonaventure email account is yours to keep after you graduate from St. Bonaventure.

Please take a moment to read the password security tips below –

- Keep your new password to yourself
- Make sure your password is not easy to guess.
- See [Creating Strong Passwords](#) for tips on creating your password.
- Passwords must meet minimum criteria listed when you attempt to change your password
- If you think your password has been compromised-log into MySBU and change your password
- If you have any trouble or can’t remember your new password:
  
  Reset your password using the "Account Help" link on the MySBU homepage OR
  Contact the SBU Helpdesk at helpdesk@sbu.edu or 716 375 - 7600.

**MySBU**

The MySBU campus portal is your gateway to many essential services. Checking your grades, viewing your unofficial transcripts, accessing your e-mail, registering for classes and paying your bills are just some of the services available at MySBU. It can be accessed from any Internet connection (on or off campus) at http://my.sbu.edu.

Office 365: St. Bonaventure email (Office 365) can be accessed directly from https://outlook.office.com.

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**Appendix AC – University Policy on AIDS**

**Overview of AIDS Policy:** In February of 1991, the Board of Trustees of St. Bonaventure University approved a comprehensive AIDS policy. This policy affects every member of our community in an effort to respond to this issue. It commits the University to an extensive, annual, proactive education program designed to meet not only its legal responsibilities, but also its moral responsibilities to each member of the University family. What follows is a synopsis of this policy.

**Legal Issues:** According to the Federal Rehabilitation Act and New York State Anti-Discrimination Laws, AIDS, AIDS Related Complex (ARC) and positive HIV status are considered handicaps.
Because of this, the information that a person has a positive HIV status is protected under the New York State Public Health Law. Hence, no one has a right to know the HIV status of another individual. Because the HIV virus cannot be transmitted by casual contact, the general public is not in danger of contracting the virus through normal daily contact with an infected person. No one, therefore, has any right to know the HIV status of any member of the Bonaventure community. The primary focus of the University’s AIDS policy is on education. It is only through education that the spread of this disease can be prevented. Every student, staff worker, faculty member and administrator must know the kinds of behaviors and what kinds of situations can put them at risk of contracting HIV. For example, students put themselves at risk by sharing a razor blade or piercing needles. Safety and Security and Health Services staff should routinely use protective gloves and bleach solution to deal with spit, blood or other bodily fluids. Everyone must know when they are at risk, assume that others may be infected, and observe Universal Precautions in such situations. Universal Precautions are a set of safety procedures observed by all health care professionals.

**Policies:** AIDS epidemiology, transmission, prevention, individual risk assessment, blood testing and post-test counseling and partner notification will be the primary foci of AIDS health service at the University. The Center for Student Wellness staff is prepared to provide medical care, support, referral, resources and education to students, faculty, administrators, and staff with AIDS or with concerns about AIDS. All medical information will be handled in a strictly confidential manner in accordance with the law. The Student Health Services staff will also update and advise the University on the latest data related to the prevention of HIV transmission.

No one will be discriminated against with regard to admission or employment on the basis of his or her HIV status. As an employer, the University has a legal obligation under the Occupational Safety and Health Act to provide a safe working environment for its employees. Appropriate measures are taken to provide employees with information about Universal Precautions and equipment necessary for observing these precautions.
Appendix AD - St. Bonaventure University Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures

Statement of Intent

St. Bonaventure University promotes respect for the dignity and integrity of each person. Members of the University community, guests and visitors have the right to an environment free from all forms of gender and sex-based discrimination and misconduct, examples of which can include acts of sexual violence, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. All members of the University community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others. St. Bonaventure University takes reports of gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct very seriously and treats each report with the utmost care and urgency. When an allegation of discrimination or misconduct is brought to an appropriate administrator’s attention, and a responding party is found to have violated this policy, sanctions will be applied to prevent such actions from being repeated. In addition, accommodative and remedial measures will be offered to mitigate the effects of the conduct. This policy was developed to reaffirm these principles, to provide a mechanism for determining when this policy has been violated, and to provide recourse for those individuals whose rights have been violated.

Jurisdiction

This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff of St. Bonaventure University. This policy also applies to conduct by third parties that include visiting speakers, contracted professionals, guests of enrolled students, visiting athletic teams, conference attendees, etc. Any member of the St. Bonaventure University community found in violation of these policies may be subject to disciplinary action. This policy also applies regardless of the complainant’s or respondent’s race, creed, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, ethnicity, national origin, religion, marital status, familial status, pregnancy, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability, genetic predisposition status, domestic violence victim status, criminal conviction or any other protected characteristic under applicable local, state or federal law.

This policy applies to conduct on campus and in connection with any University-sponsored programs or activities, regardless of whether it occurs on or off campus. Further, even conduct off-campus that occurs outside a University-sponsored program or activity may violate this policy if the conduct creates a threatening or hostile work or learning environment on the University’s campus or within a University program, or if the incident causes concern for the safety or security of St. Bonaventure’s campus.

The disciplinary actions the University may take will differ depending on the level of control the University has over the accused. Regardless of the level of disciplinary action that can be taken, St. Bonaventure University is committed to remedying the effects of any sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct and preventing its’ recurrence.
Overview of Consensual Relationships Policy

The educational Mission of the University is promoted by professionalism in relationships between administrators, faculty, students and staff. Professionalism is fostered by an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Trust and respect are diminished when those in position of authority abuse, or appear to abuse, their power.

Sexual relationships between faculty and student, or staff and student, are expressly prohibited. Even when both parties have consented to the development of such relationships, they can raise serious concerns about the validity of the consent, conflicts of interests, and/or unfair treatment of others. Moreover, others may be adversely affected by such behavior because it places the faculty or staff member in a position to favor or advance one student’s interests at the expense of others.

Sexual relationships between supervisor and employee are prohibited when a direct evaluative relationship exists. In such cases the University requires that the faculty member, administrator, staff member or employee divest him or herself of the professional responsibility for evaluation and/or cease such conduct.

Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy

St. Bonaventure University prohibits all forms of gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct. Gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct can be committed by any person upon any other person, regardless of the sex, gender, sexual orientation and/or gender identity of the persons involved in the acts.

This policy prohibits the following forms of misconduct:

**Sexual Assault** – Sexual Assault includes Non-Consensual Sexual Contact and Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse, as defined below.

**Non-Consensual Sexual Contact** – any intentional touching, however slight, for purposes of sexual gratification or with sexual intent, directly or with any object that is without affirmative consent. Acts of non-consensual sexual contact may include but are not limited to intentional contact (directly or over clothing) with another person’s breasts, buttocks, groin, genitals, or inner thigh, or touching another with any of these body parts, or making another touch oneself or themselves with or on any of these body parts.

**Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse** – any penetration, however slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without affirmative consent. This type of sexual assault also includes non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent. In New York, the statutory age of consent is 17 years old.

**Sexual Exploitation** – occurs when a person takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his/her own advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than one being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the other sexual misconduct offenses. Examples of sexual exploitation may include but are not limited to: any audio and/or visual recording of a consensual sexual act or private activity (such as undressing or showering) without the person’s consent; distributing, without the prior consent of the victim of exploitation or beyond parameters of consent given by the victim, an audio and/or visual
recording of a consensual sexual act; or private activity otherwise going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as allowing people to hide in the closet to view consensual sexual contact/intercourse); voyeurism; engaging in sexual activity with another while knowingly infected with a sexually transmitted disease; attempting to incapacitate someone for the purposes of committing sexual assault; exposing one’s genitals in non-consensual circumstances; or sex or gender-based bullying.

**Stalking** - Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety, the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress. Examples of stalking behavior include but are not limited to: repeated attempts at communication (phoning, texting, email, social messaging); making direct or indirect threats to harm an individual or the individual’s relatives, friends or pets; physical and/or verbal confrontations; entering one’s residence hall room/apartment or vehicle without permission; following, observing or lying in wait for another; vandalizing or threatening to vandalize the property of another; gaining access to personal online accounts or information; etc.

**Domestic Violence** – Any violent behavior committed by a current or former spouse of a victim, by a person with whom a victim shares a child, by a person with whom the victim currently cohabitates or previously cohabitated as a romantic or intimate partner, by an individual who is or was similarly situated to a spouse of the victim, and/or by a person against a victim who is protected from the other person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the act of violence occurs.

**Dating Violence** – Any violent behavior committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship may be determined based on consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and/or the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Gender-Based Discrimination** – Gender-Based Discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or domestic violence victim status in any aspect of employment or access to University curricular, co-curricular or extracurricular educational programs and/or resources, including without limitation:

- hiring and firing;
- compensation, assignment, or classification of employees;
- transfer, promotion, layoff, or recall;
- job advertisements;
- recruitment;
- testing or grading;
- use of University facilities;
- training and apprenticeship programs;
- fringe benefits;
- pay, retirement plans, and disability leave;
- admissions and recruiting standards and practices;
- financial aid and scholarship awarding policies and practices;
- eligibility for academic programs;
- use of student housing
- participation in extracurricular student activities; and
- other terms and conditions of employment or the student experience.

This policy does not apply to decisions relating to requests for reasonable accommodation due to a disability. Student disability accommodations are handled by Adriane Spencer, aspencer@sbu.edu, 716-375-2065 and pursuant to that office’s policies. Work-related disability accommodations are handled by the Human Resources Office and pursuant to that office’s policies.
**Sexual Harassment** – Sexual harassment is unwelcome, gender-based, sexual orientation-based or gender identity-based verbal or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with, denies or limits someone’s ability to participate in or benefit from the University’s educational program, employment, and/or activities, and is based on power differentials (quid pro quo), the creation of a hostile environment, or retaliation.

It constitutes sexual harassment when:

a. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment or education opportunities or activities,

b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions or educational opportunities or activities affecting such individual, or

c. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or learning environment.

For example, sexual harassment would include the following kinds of behavior, or other kinds of behavior with a similar harassing effect:

a. Abusing an employee or student through insulting, degrading, or oppressive sexual remarks, jokes, innuendoes, or other sexually oriented conduct (including, among other things, graphic or descriptive comments relating to an individual’s body or physical appearance, sexually oriented teasing or pranks, improper suggestions, objects or pictures, unwanted physical contact);

b. Threats, demands, or suggestions that an employee’s working conditions or a student’s grade depends in any way upon tolerating or accepting or refusing sexual advances or sexually oriented conduct

c. attempts to coerce an unwilling person into a sexual relationship; to repeatedly subject a person to egregious, unwelcome sexual attention; gender-based bullying.

**Other Misconduct Offenses (will be addressed under this policy when based on gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or domestic violence victim status)**

- Threatening or causing physical harm, extreme verbal abuse, or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of another person;

- Intimidation, defined as implied threats or acts that cause an unreasonable fear of harm in another;

- Hazing (see Hazing Policy of the St. Bonaventure University Student Code of Conduct for definition); and

- Bullying, defined as repeated and or severe aggressive behavior likely to intimidate or intentionally hurt, control or diminish another person, physically or emotionally.
Additional Applicable Definitions

**Affirmative Consent**

Affirmative consent is a knowing, voluntary and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity. Silence or lack of resistance, in and of itself, does not demonstrate consent. The definition of consent does not vary based upon a participant’s sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Whenever the word “consent” is used in this policy, it should be understood to mean affirmative consent as defined here.

The following conditions apply to the term “consent” according to the University:

1. Silence, lack of physical resistance, and/or the absence of a verbal “no” are not forms of consent.
2. Consent is required regardless of whether the person initiating the act is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. In other words, it is not an excuse that the person initiating the act was intoxicated or incapacitated due to alcohol or other drugs.
3. Consent can be initially given but withdrawn at any time.
4. When consent is withdrawn or can no longer be given, sexual activity must stop. Once a person says “no,” it is established that he or she is not giving consent to a sexual act. However, the absence of a verbal “no” does not constitute consent. Any activity or further encouragement beyond that point could be construed as force, coercion or intimidation.
5. A current or previous dating relationship is not sufficient to constitute consent. Further, past consent to engage in sexual activity with any person cannot be presumed to be consent to sexual activity in the future with the same or a different person. A sexual act must be mutually agreed upon each time it occurs.
6. Consent to one sexual act does not indicate consent to other sexual acts.
7. Consent cannot be given if a person is incapacitated (see definition of “incapacitation”). Sexual activity with someone whom one should know to be – or based on the circumstances should reasonably have known to be – incapacitated (for example, by disability, sleep, involuntary restraint, or the taking of drugs or alcohol, unconsciousness or blackout) constitutes a violation of this policy.
8. Consent cannot be given under coercion, force, or threat of physical harm or injury.
9. Consent cannot be given if someone is under the legal age of consent. In New York State, a minor (meaning a person under the age of 17 years) cannot consent to sexual activity. This means that sexual contact by an adult with a person younger than 17 years old is a crime as well as a violation of this policy, even if the minor wanted to engage in the act.

**Force**

Force is the use of physical violence and/or imposing on someone physically to gain sexual access. It includes threats and/or intimidation (implied threats) that overcome resistance or produce purported (but ineffective) consent. It also includes rendering someone incapacitated by administering alcohol or any other drug.

**Coercion**

Coercion is the use of pressure to compel someone to initiate or continue sexual activity against their will. Coercion can include a wide range of behaviors, including intimidation, manipulation, threats, and blackmail. A person’s words or conduct are sufficient to constitute coercion if they deprive another individual of the ability to
choose whether or not to engage in sexual activity. Examples of coercion include threatening to “out” someone based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, and threatening to harm oneself if the other party does not engage in the sexual activity. Coercing an individual into engaging in sexual activity violates this Policy in the same way as physically forcing someone into engaging in sexual activity.

**Incapacitation**

Incapacitation is a state where someone lacks the ability to knowingly choose to participate in a specific activity. Incapacitation can result from disability, sleep, lack of consciousness, involuntary restraint, or other factors that prevent voluntary choice. Depending on the degree of intoxication, someone who is under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants may be incapacitated and therefore unable to consent.

**NOTE:** There is no requirement that a party resists a sexual advance or request, but resistance is a clear demonstration of non-consent. Sexual activity that is forced is by definition non-consensual, but non-consensual sexual activity is not by definition forced.

**Retaliation**

Retaliation is defined in the Code of Conduct under “violations of the Code of Conduct”. Retaliation exists when an individual harasses, intimidates or takes other adverse action(s) against a person for making a good faith report of prohibited conduct, for intervening to attempt to prevent or stop prohibited conduct or assist someone who has been the target of prohibited conduct, for participating in good faith as a reporting party, respondent, witness or otherwise in an investigation or other process undertaken pursuant to this policy, or for supporting of someone involved in such an investigation or process. Retaliatory actions include but are not limited to threats or actual violence against a person or their property, adverse educational or employment consequences, ridicule, intimidation, bullying, or ostracism.

If the person accused of retaliation is a student, and the alleged behavior is believed to be related to a report of violations of this policy, it will likely be handled through the judicial process outlined in the code of conduct. If the alleged is found responsible for a violation of retaliation, they will be sanctioned by the AHO hearing the case. The University always retains the right to process allegations of retaliation within current investigation. Should an allegation of retaliation be made in relation to a current case, the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy will determine whether the allegation will be processed through the current investigation, or be heard by a separate administrative hearing.

**Resources and Supportive Measures**

It is not necessary for a formal report to be made to receive resources or supportive measures. Certain resources and supportive measures may be made by the Title IX Coordinator and/or Deputy Coordinators, or appropriate designee, in an effort to protect the safety and/or well-being of any member(s) of the campus community. The University Victim Advocate (representative from Cattaraugus County Victim Services) can also assist in obtaining supportive measures. Any person needing resources or supportive measures should request them from any of those listed above. The University will maintain as confidential any resources or supportive measures provided, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the institution to provide the resources or protective measures. These are intended to address the immediate and ongoing effects of harassment, discrimination, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating or domestic violence, stalking or retaliation, or to prevent further harm to the alleged victim and to prevent further violations.

Supportive measures could include, but are not limited to:

- changes in academic, living, transportation, and working situations if those changes are requested by the alleged victim and reasonably available;


- "No Contact" Orders (see below)
- Summary Suspension or Access Restrictions as provided in the Code of Conduct under “Interim Sanctions”;
- any other interim restriction or sanction deemed appropriate by the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinators, or appropriate designee.

When interim measures are issued, affected students have the right to submit evidence and request review of them by an appropriate University Official, appointed by the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy, or appropriate designee, to reconsider the need for and/or terms of the interim measures and/or accommodations. A written summary of rights, options, supports, and procedures, is provided to all reporting and responding parties, whether they are students, employees, guests, or visitors.

The University will also provide resources and supportive measures to individuals accused of misconduct and individuals otherwise involved in an investigation or proceeding under this policy.

**No Contact Orders**

When as a result of a Sexual Misconduct report a no contact order is issued against an individual, and that individual and the person protected by the no contact order observe each other in a public place, unless otherwise provided in the no contact order it is the responsibility of the respondent to leave the area immediately and without directly contacting the person protected. This restriction requires removal to the extent necessary to prevent interaction of the sort prohibited by the no contact order. It does not require a party to refrain from attending an event (such as an athletic contest, a campus speaker presentation, etc.) in circumstances where simultaneous attendance can occur without prohibited interaction, for example because the parties are not in close proximity to one another.

**Orders of Protection**

If an outside agency or court of law has put in place an order of protection, the University will assist in upholding the order, including explaining the legal consequences for violating the order. If the University receives a report of an official order of protection being violated, the University will provide assistance in contacting the appropriate law enforcement agency.

**Confidentiality, Access to Resources and Reporting of Offenses**

In order to make informed choices, it is important to be aware of confidentiality and mandatory reporting requirements when consulting campus resources. The University offers a number of confidential and non-confidential resources and reporting options for violations of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct policy, which include but are not limited to violations of Sexual Assault, Dating or Domestic Violence, and Stalking.

Certain University employees are considered “confidential” resources because they are not required by law to report known incidents of sexual assault or other crimes to University officials. Confidential resources generally will not share information about an individual without the individual’s express written permission.

Other employees at the University are non-confidential resources and may share information about a report with other officials at the institution so the University may take steps to offer resources and supportive measures, and/or prevent the recurrence of gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct. If you are unsure of an individual’s reporting obligations, please ask before disclosing any information you wish to remain confidential.
Even University offices and employees who cannot guarantee confidentiality will maintain your privacy to the greatest extent possible. The information you provide to a non-confidential resource will be relayed only as necessary for the Title IX Coordinator to investigate and/or seek a resolution, or for the Director for Safety and Security Services to report statistical information about Clery reportable crimes.

**Confidential Assistance**

Confidential disclosure is defined as seeking resources and/or assistance without personally identifiable information about the disclosure being shared with anyone else. If a reporting party would like the details of an incident to be kept confidential, the reporting party may speak with counselors or health care providers in the Center for Student Wellness, clergy within the University acting in their role as clergy (friars or sisters), and/or off-campus resources such as Victim’s Services or Olean General Hospital. All of these resources will maintain confidentiality except in extreme cases of immediacy of threat or danger or abuse of a minor. Confidential resources that are University employees will submit anonymous statistical information for Clery Act purposes unless they believe it would be harmful to their client, patient or parishioner.

Quick Reference Contact Information for Confidential Resources:

- **New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline** – 1-800-942-6906
- **University Center for Student Wellness: 127 Doyle Hall (first floor right side entrance)** – 716-375-2310
- **Olean General Hospital Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Unit: Report to the OGH Emergency Room** – 716-372-0614
- **Cattaraugus Community Action - Victim Services: Toll Free Crisis Hotline** – 1-888-945-3970
- **New York State Police 24 Hour Hotline** – 1-844-845-7269 (for reporting to law enforcement, know that your report may not be confidential, but law enforcement is not obligated to share any information with the University)

**Non-Confidential Resources and Reporting Options**

University employees other than confidential resources may share reports of gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct with the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Coordinator so that the University may take steps to offer resources and supportive measures and/or prevent the recurrence of misconduct.

Should a person want to formally report an incident of gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct, including Sexual Assault, Dating or Domestic Violence or Stalking, they should report to one of the “Responsible Administrators” listed below. Responsible Administrators are representatives of the University that will ensure the reporting party has all of their resources and reporting options, and have authority to take corrective action on behalf of the University. Responsible Administrators are required to share all information, including personally identifiable information, with the Title IX Coordinator.

**Responsible Administrators:**

- Title IX Coordinator
- Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students (Dean of Students)
- Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Disability Support Services (Coordinator for Disability Support Services)
- Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Faculty (Chair of the Council on Discrimination and Harassment)
- Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Athletics (Associate Athletic Director of Compliance)
Vice President for Student Affairs
Director for Safety and Security Services

**Campus Security Authorities:**
The Jeanne Clery Act mandates that certain crimes are reported for inclusion in the annual security report. In an effort to achieve the most accurate statistics possible the Jeanne Clery Act has identified Campus Security Authorities as mandated reporters. Campus Security Authority is a Clery specific term that encompasses four groups of individuals:

- A campus police or security department
- Any individual(s) who have responsibility for campus security, but do not constitute a campus police or security department
- Any individual or organization specified in an institution’s statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.
- An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including but not limited to, student housing, student discipline and campus judicial proceedings.

CSAs must report information about any Clery reportable crime, including Sexual Assault, Dating or Domestic Violence, and Stalking, to the Director for Safety and Security Services. They are required to report non-personally identifiable information (nature, date, time, general location, current disposition). CSAs will generally be able to honor a reporting party’s request to anonymously report an incident. In compliance with the Clery Act, the University will complete publically available record keeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, excluding any personally identifying information. A full list of CSAs can be found in St. Bonaventure University’s Annual Security Report.

If a reporting party does not wish for their name to be shared, does not wish for an investigation to take place, or does not want a formal resolution to be pursued, the reporting party may make such a request to the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy. who will evaluate that request in light of the duty to ensure the safety of the campus and comply with federal law. In cases involving alleged or apparent pattern, predation, physical threat, weapons, and/or violence, the University will likely be unable to honor a request for confidentiality or anonymity. If the University determines that it must proceed with an investigation, the reporting party can choose whether he/she is going to be part of it. The burden of investigation, disciplinary charges, and consequences is not on the reporting party, but instead rests with the University. In cases where the reporting party requests confidentiality or anonymity, and the circumstances allow the University to honor that request, the University will offer interim supports and remedies to the reporting party and the community, but will not otherwise pursue formal action.

***Resident Assistants must report all information to the Residence Director On-Duty and are not permitted to withhold personally identifiable information.***

If a report is made to anyone other than the Responsible Administrators listed above, the reporting party risks the possibility that the information will not come to the attention of the proper University officials and may, therefore, not be acted upon.
Medical Attention and the Importance of Preserving Evidence

For your safety and well-being, immediate medical attention is encouraged. In most cases, DNA evidence needs to be collected within 72 hours in order to be analyzed by a crime lab—but a sexual assault forensic exam can reveal other forms of evidence beyond this time frame that can be useful if you decide to report. Place your belongings, including the clothes you were wearing, in a paper bag to safely preserve evidence. Physical evidence should also be collected through a medical examination. Olean General Hospital has a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner program, designed specifically to conduct physical examinations after an incident of sexual violence, and evidence is collected during this examination. Having this examination does not commit a person to pursuing legal charges against an individual. However, failure to have an accurate examination to collect physical evidence in a timely manner may negatively affect a person’s ability to pursue legal charges in the future. Victim Advocates from Cattaraugus Community Action Victim Services will explain options for victims to be reimbursed for medical examinations. Even after the immediate crisis has passed, consider seeking support from the University’s Health and Wellness Center, or from Victim’s Services of Cattaraugus Community Action.

Olean General Hospital Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Unit: Report to the OGH Emergency Room – 716-372-0614

Law Enforcement

It is the policy of St. Bonaventure University to notify law enforcement when allegations of criminal sexual misconduct occur, typically without providing identifying information about the incident, unless a victim wishes that information to be shared, or an emergency requires disclosure. A victim of a crime is encouraged to, but is not required to, report the incident to local law enforcement and pursue criminal charges. The criminal process and the University’s disciplinary processes are not mutually exclusive or dependent on each other, meaning that a person may pursue either a criminal complaint or University complaint or both. Victims have the option to notify law enforcement directly, or to be assisted in doing so by campus authorities. If requested, campus officials can facilitate reporting to campus or law enforcement, but may also respect a victim’s request not to do so.

New York State Police 24 Hour Hotline – 1-844-845-7269 (for reporting to law enforcement, know that your report may not be confidential, but law enforcement is not obliged to share any information with the University)

Cattaraugus County Sherriff’s Department – 716-938-9191

 Allegany Police Department – 716-373-0873

911 – Calling 911 is always an option in reporting incidents of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and/or stalking. The most appropriate first available law enforcement agency will respond.
Rights of Parties During Investigation, Sanctioning and Appeal

Rights of the Reporting Person.
The reporting person under this Policy has:

1) the right to provide a personal statement before any sanction is imposed;

2) the right to make his/her statement without directly confronting the respondent;

3) the right to be notified in advance in writing (including electronically) of any meeting they are required or eligible to attend and the purpose of that meeting;

4) the right not to have his or her past sexual history with the other party considered, unless determined to be directly relevant to the matter at hand, and the right to not have their prior sexual history with other persons considered as part of a responsibility determination;

5) the right to ask that witnesses relevant to the case be interviewed as part of the investigation and to submit other evidence for consideration; however, the investigator(s) may establish a reasonable limit on the number of witnesses and also place reasonable restrictions on the consideration of any proffered information;

6) the right to appeal a decision to the extent provided for in this Policy;

7) the right to raise any issues of conflict of interest related to individuals serving in official roles under this Policy;

8) the right to decline to answer a question during the investigatory and/or review process. However, the investigation and review proceeds based on the information provided;

9) the right to have their own mental health diagnoses and/or treatment excluded during any responsibility determination.

Rights of the Respondent.
The respondent under these procedures has:

1) the right to be informed of the factual allegations concerning any alleged violation, the date, time and place of the alleged violation; a reference to the Policy provisions violated and possible sanctions;

2) in the course of the investigatory and adjudicatory process, the right to be presumed not responsible for a violation unless and until a finding of responsibility has been made;

3) the right to provide a personal statement before any sanction is imposed;

4) the right to make his/her statement without directly confronting the complaining party
5) the right to be notified in advance in writing (including electronically) of any meeting they are required or eligible to attend and the purpose of the meeting;

6) the right not to have his or her past sexual history with the other party considered, unless determined to be directly relevant to the matter at hand, and the right to not have their prior sexual history with other persons considered as part of a responsibility determination (prior findings and sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking may be considered in determining a sanction, as may other aspects of the respondent’s overall record);

7) the right to ask that witnesses relevant to the case be interviewed as part of the investigation and to submit other evidence for consideration. However, the investigator(s) may establish a reasonable limit on the number of witnesses and also place reasonable restrictions on the consideration of any proffered information;

8) the right to appeal a decision to the extent provided for in this Policy;

9) the right to raise any issues of conflict of interest related to individuals serving in official roles under this Policy;

10) the right to decline to answer a question during the investigatory and/or review process. However, the investigation and review proceed based on the information provided;

11) the right to have their own mental health diagnoses and/or treatment excluded during any responsibility determination.

Discrimination and Misconduct Officials, Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators

Discrimination and Misconduct Officials are investigators, Judicial Sanctioning Board officers, and Appeals Board Officers involved in investigating and adjudicating violations of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policies. Discrimination and Misconduct Officials, and the Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators, will be individuals who receive annual training and participate in ongoing development on issues related to gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. They will also receive training on how to investigate and sanction appropriately while protecting reporting party safety and promoting accountability.

Any Discrimination and Misconduct Official assigned to a case shall not have been a party to the case, nor a witness to the case, nor the current faculty advisor to any party in the case, nor a current instructor to or supervisor of any party in the case, nor have any familial relation, professional relationship or close friendship to any party or witness to the case, nor otherwise have any actual or perceived conflict of interest that may give the perception of a lack of ability to fairly perform their role under this policy in connection with the case. If assigned as a Sanctioning Board or Appeals Board Member, they shall not have been an investigator on the case. Any potential conflict of interest shall be disclosed by the affected Discrimination and Misconduct Official as soon as practicable; similarly, any reporting party or respondent who objects to the participation of a
Discrimination and Misconduct Official based upon a conflict of interest shall identify the conflict of interest as soon as practicable. Any conflicts of interest should be reported to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy, and the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy will make the determination as to whether recusal is warranted, and if so, will appoint a non-conflicted replacement.

**Title IX Coordinator**

In accordance with Office of Civil Rights legislation pertaining to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the University is required to appoint and maintain a coordinator for Title IX Compliance on campus. St. Bonaventure University’s Title IX Coordinator is Erik Seastedt, the Director for Human Resources, 716-375-2102, or eseastedt@sbu.edu. Documentation of investigations, findings, and Judicial Sanctioning Board Hearing outcomes regarding alleged gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct will be kept on record with the Title IX Coordinator in accordance with University policies regarding records management.

**Designation of Authority and University Counsel**

Any University administrator or official whom this Policy empowers to act may request that the Title IX Coordinator delegate that authority to another appropriate University official, or the Title IX Coordinator in his or her own discretion may delegate that administrator’s or official’s authority to act to another appropriate person. Delegation of authority may be necessary to avoid conflicts of interest or where time constraints or other obligations prevent a University official named in this Policy from fulfilling his/her designated role.

The Title IX Coordinator may delegate his or her responsibilities and/or authorities under this policy to any Deputy Title IX Coordinator or other appropriate official.

Any University administrator or official involved in implementing this policy may seek the advice of the University’s legal counsel, to be coordinated through the Title IX Coordinator.

**University’s Procedures for Reporting and Investigation of Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct**

St. Bonaventure University strongly encourages any individual who has been subjected to gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct, including but not limited to sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, and stalking to report the misconduct to University officials and/or law enforcement. A reporting party has the right and can expect to have reports taken seriously by the University when formally reported, and to have those incidents investigated and properly resolved through these procedures. The University’s main concern is that reporting parties receive the help and guidance essential for beginning the process of healing, while also giving consideration to the welfare of the campus community.

Anyone wishing to formally report incidents of gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct and request the University take action should do so by submitting an incident report online, and/or speaking with a Responsible Administrator (listed above). Investigations (including Judicial Sanctioning Board proceedings, if applicable) will ordinarily take no longer than 60 days. However, the nature of a complaint and/or extenuating circumstances may extend this timeframe.
circumstances (such as the time of the academic year, the timing of University break periods, the effect of concurrent criminal proceedings, etc.) may require an extension of that timeframe.

Complaints of violation of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct policies, including but not limited to sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, and stalking, will be considered according to the following procedure:

1. Once a report is received online or from a Responsible Administrator, information is shared with the Title IX Coordinator and/or a Deputy Coordinator.
2. Preliminary information gathering will occur to determine whether or not a formal investigation is appropriate.
3. Some complaints may be resolved through conflict resolution in lieu of a formal investigation. Conflict resolution may be used for less serious, yet inappropriate, behaviors and is encouraged as an alternative to the formal process to resolve conflicts. The Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator will determine if conflict resolution is appropriate based on the willingness of the parties, the nature of the conduct at issue, and the susceptibility of the conduct to conflict resolution. In a conflict resolution meeting, the Title IX Coordinator and/or Deputy Coordinator will facilitate a dialogue with the parties to an effective resolution, if possible. Sanctions are not possible as the result of a conflict resolution process, though the parties may agree to appropriate remedies, in which case the complaint is resolved. The Title IX Coordinator will keep records of any resolution that is reached, and failure to abide by the accord can result in appropriate responsive actions. Conflict resolution will not be used to address complaints of sexual assault or violent behavior of any kind. It is not necessary to pursue conflict resolution first in order to make a formal complaint, and anyone participating in conflict resolution can stop that process at any time and request a formal process.
4. If a formal investigation is deemed appropriate, the Title IX Coordinator will appoint two Disclosure and Misconduct Officials as investigators to the case. If it is determined a formal investigation is not appropriate, the University will offer the reporting party and/or alleged victim accommodations, which may include “No Contact” orders if requested.
5. The University may, but shall not be obligated to, delay the institution of its processes when criminal charges on the basis of the same behaviors that invoke this process are being investigated. Such delays will not last more than ten calendar days except when law enforcement authorities specifically request and justify a longer delay. University action will not be altered or precluded on the grounds that civil or criminal charges involving the same incident have been filed or that charges have been dismissed or reduced.
6. In each case, a responding party is entitled to a presumption that he or she is “not responsible” until a finding of responsibility is made pursuant to the provisions of this policy. The responding party will receive written notice, prior to any interview or meeting he or she is required or entitled to attend, referencing the specific policy provisions alleged to have been violated and the specific possible sanctions. This notice will also include the date, time, location and factual allegations concerning the alleged violation(s) to the extent known.
7. Investigators will seek to conduct interviews with any individuals who may be able to provide information pertaining to the potential violation, or other potential violations that may become apparent through the course of the investigation. They will also gather, examine and assess relevance of evidence, or other resources, brought forward throughout the course of the investigation. The investigators have the authority to investigate all allegations of collateral misconduct, meaning that they may consider allegations of gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct, but also may hear any allegations of additional conduct or policy violations that are alleged to have occurred as part of
the same set of circumstances as the alleged gender-based discrimination or sexual misconduct, even though those collateral allegations may not otherwise fall within this policy. Accordingly, investigations should be conducted with as wide a scope as necessary. Final determination of whether the investigation will deal with collateral misconduct will be made by the Title IX Coordinator. The reporting party and responding party may offer and/or identify all information they would like the investigators to review, and may recommend witnesses and submit information for consideration, including proposed questions to be posed by the investigators to witnesses and/or other party.

8. Prior to the investigators completing their final report and making a determination of responsibility, the investigators will notify the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy, and the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy will notify the parties, that the report is substantially complete. The parties may then submit a written request to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy, to be received within 48 hours of that notice, to review the investigators’ report and relevant information in the case file. A requesting party shall be given a 7 calendar-day period during which access to this material will be made reasonably available for a scheduled review. Access is limited to the requesting party and their advisor, who may not make photocopies or take photographs of the materials. Each party may also submit during this same 7-day period a final statement for consideration by the investigators prior to determination. (The University reserves the right to redact material from the file as permitted and/or required by law.) Any written statement provided by a party may be reviewed by the other party, who will have 24 hours to submit a written response to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy. After this period, the investigation will be considered complete unless, in exceptional circumstances, the investigators conclude that it is necessary to reopen the investigation based on the statement(s) and/or response(s) provided by one or both parties.

9. After the investigation is complete, and based on the **preponderance of the evidence standard** (“more likely than not”), investigators will determine whether it is “more likely than not” the responding party(s) violated one or more policies and prepare the final report. Investigators will provide the final report to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy. **This is the finding in the case.** Final reports will include documented summary of interviews, evidence, credibility assessments, any other factual support for the investigators’ findings and any timely received statements and responses submitted by the parties as described in paragraph 8 above.

10. The Title IX Coordinator or Deputy will inform the reporting party and responding party in writing of the outcome of the investigation, including the relevant findings of fact and the rationale for the determination. If the determination is that the responding party is responsible for one or more violations, the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy will determine the appropriate sanctioning body dependent on whether the responding party is a faculty/staff member, or student.

11. Should a student be accused of a violation of the Gender-Based Discrimination or Sexual Misconduct Policy, they are NOT subject to the same process and procedure outlined in the Code of Conduct under the “Judicial Process”, and the processes and procedures in this policy will be followed instead. There is no hearing to determine responsibility, as that is the purpose of the investigation process. If there is a determination by the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy that the case should move forward for sanctioning, a Judicial Sanctioning Board will be called to determine sanctions.

12. If the responding party found responsible for a violation is a faculty or staff member, the Title IX Coordinator will consult with the chair of CODAH and the appropriate executive officers to review:

- the responding party’s personnel file;
- any past informal complaint where there has been a finding of discrimination and/or harassment;
• a finding of discrimination and/or harassment by the responding party through the formal complaint process; or
• any past formal or informal complaint against the responding party that was not judged to be a spurious complaint.

After this history has been taken into consideration, the Title IX Coordinator and Chair of CODAH will make their final recommendation for corrective action to the appropriate executive officer for implementation, if appropriate. Copies of the final recommendation will be sent to the reporting party, responding party, Chair of the CODAH and an appropriate executive officer for both the reporting party and responding party, and retained in the Director of Human Resources office. This process will be done within 60 days of the registration of the complaint in writing unless there are extenuating circumstances.

The executive officer will fully implement the recommendations unless she/he has good reason not to.

An executive officer who, for whatever reason, chooses not to fully implement the recommendations will explain her/his reasons for this decision in writing (insofar as possible) or in a face-to-face meeting with the Title IX Coordinator and Chair of CODAH.

After disposition and/or implementation of the corrective actions, the executive officer must notify the reporting party, Title IX Coordinator and Chair of CODAH, in writing, of the disposition and/or corrective actions that have been implemented.

13. Each party shall have the right to exclude from consideration, for purposes of determining responsibility, the party’s sexual history with persons other than the other party, their mental health diagnosis, or mental health treatment. Prior disciplinary violations may be considered for purposes of assessing sanctions.

Sanctioning

Judicial Sanctioning Board for Gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct (for students only)

The Judicial Sanctioning board will be called to determine sanctions in cases where a student is found responsible for violation of the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy through an investigation. The board shall comprise three Discrimination and Misconduct Officials.

The board will allow the reporting party and responding party to present or submit impact statements. The Board may call upon the investigators to answer questions the Board may have regarding the final report. Both reporting and responding parties have the right to be present for any testimony before the Board, excluding impact statements, if any. The Board will convene privately to review the case file, impact statements, and prior violations of the responding party. Based on all information available, and guidelines outlined in this policy, the board will determine the sanctions, and inform both the reporting party and responding party in writing of the sanctions and the rationale for the sanctions.
Sanctioning for Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct
Both the reporting party and the responding party shall be notified in writing of the outcome of any investigation, hearing or administrative action and any sanctions and changes to the forgoing, through the end of any appeals process.

The following sanctions may be imposed upon any member of the community found to have violated the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy. Ranges for violations are referenced below.

Student Sanctions (where Applicable, as defined in the Code of Conduct):

- Written Warning
- Disciplinary Fines
- Community Service
- Attendant Restrictions
- Participation in Educational Activities Addressing the Nature of the Violation
- Disciplinary Probation
- Loss of Campus Residency
- Organizational Sanctions
- Suspension
- Expulsion
- Withholding of Diploma and/or Degree Conferral
- Revocation of Degree

Employee Sanctions:

- Warning – written
- Performance Improvement Plan
- Required Counseling
- Written Reprimand
- Formal Apology
- Transfer or reassignment
- Disciplinary Probation
- Non-Renewal of Employment Agreement
- No Contact Order
- Required Training/Education
- Demotion
- Loss of Annual Pay Increase
- Suspension Without Pay
- Suspension With Pay
- Termination

No corrective action will be implemented that violates any provision of a St. Bonaventure University employment contract.
**Transcript Notation**

The following standards for institutional transcript notation apply to any student accused of a violation of any St. Bonaventure University policy that is defined as a crime of violence reportable under the Clery Act:

- Students suspended after a finding of responsibility for said violations will have the following noted on the transcript: “Suspended after a finding of responsibility for a code of conduct violation.”
- Students expelled after a finding of responsibility for said violations will have the following noted on the transcript: “Expelled after a finding of responsibility for a code of conduct violation.”
- Students withdrawing from the University during an investigation, or any time prior to the completion of judicial procedures (including an appeal process), with respect to allegations of said violations, will have the following noted on the transcript: “Withdrawn with conduct charges pending.”

**Withdrawal Prior to Completion of Process**

Students withdrawing from the University during an investigation, or any time prior to the completion of judicial procedures (including an appeal process), to which they are subject as a responding party, may not be eligible for re-admission to the University or re-enrollment in any courses offered by the University on campus, online, or through any affiliate programs, unless and until the pending charges are resolved to the University’s satisfaction.

**Resignation Prior to Completion of Process**

Employees who resign from the University during an investigation, or any time prior to the completion of judicial procedures or other resolution process (including an appeal process), to which they are subject as a responding party, may not be eligible for re-hire unless and until the pending charges are resolved to the University’s satisfaction.

**Temporary Withholding of Degree/Diploma; Denial of Participation in Commencement**

The University may withhold a student’s degree and/or diploma for a specified period of time and/or deny a student participation in commencement activities if the student is the subject of a pending complaint or investigation, or has disciplinary charges pending.

**Guidelines for Sanctioning**

- Any person found responsible for Non-Consensual Sexual Contact (where no intercourse has occurred) or Stalking will likely receive a sanction ranging from probation to expulsion/termination, depending on the severity of the incident, and taking into account any previous disciplinary violations/issues.
- Any person found responsible for Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse, Domestic Violence or Dating Violence will likely receive a sanction of suspension or expulsion (student) or suspension or termination (employee).
- Any person found responsible for Sexual Exploitation or Sexual Harassment will likely receive a sanction ranging from warning to expulsion/termination, depending on the severity of the incident, and taking into account any previous violations/issues.
- Any person found responsible for Gender-Based Discrimination will likely receive a sanction ranging from warning to expulsion/termination, depending on the severity of the incident, and taking into account any previous violations/issues.
The decision-making body reserves the right to broaden or lessen any range of recommended sanctions in the case of significant mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

Amnesty

The health and safety of every student at St. Bonaventure University is of utmost importance. The University recognizes that students who have been drinking and/or using drugs, (whether such use is voluntary or involuntary) at the time that violence occurs, including but not limited to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault, may be hesitant to report such incidents due to fear of potential consequences for their own conduct. The University strongly encourages students to report Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault to University officials. A bystander acting in good faith or a reporting individual acting in good faith that discloses any incident of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking or Sexual Assault to University officials or law enforcement will not be subject to the University’s Code of Conduct action for violations of alcohol and/or drug use policies occurring at or near the time of the commission of the Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault.

Appeals (for students only)

An Appeals Board shall be convened when either the reporting party or the responding party choose to appeal the finding of the investigating officers and/or the sanction imposed by the Judicial Sanctioning Board. Additionally, the Appeals Board may consider appeals for removal of a suspension notation from the official transcript. If granted, the suspension notation will be removed no less than one year after the suspension is completed. No member of the Judicial Sanctioning Board who determined the sanctions in the case shall be part of the Appeals Board. The same rules that apply in selecting members of the Judicial Sanctioning Board (including rules with respect to conflicts of interest) shall apply to the Appeals Board. The Appeals Board composition shall be the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) or her designee, and two Discrimination and Misconduct Officials.

Appeal of Investigative Finding

The appealing student shall file a written appeal to the VPSA. Appeals may be filed for the following reasons:

- Material procedural defect in the original investigation that is likely to have impacted the outcome, and/or
- Presence of new material evidence that was not available through no fault of the appealing party throughout the course of the investigation, and that, if known, would be likely to have impacted the outcome, and/or
- Substantial disregard for factual evidence that is likely to have impacted the outcome.

Appeal for Review of Sanction

The Appeals Board will hear appeals of sanctions in cases involving a finding of responsibility for Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking, and in other cases where the sanction is expulsion, suspension loss of good disciplinary standing, or loss of campus residency, if either party contends that the sanction is disproportionate to the nature of the severity of the violation. Other sanctions are not subject to review.
Appeal Procedure (Students Only)

The appealing party must file the appeal electronically as a Word Document attachment via University email to the VPSA within five class days of the letter of notification of (a) the outcome of the investigation or (b) if applicable, the outcome of the Judicial Sanctioning Board hearing, stating the specific reason and justification for the appeal. The VPSA will review the appeal request and determine whether or not the appeal request states a proper basis for appeal. If the VPSA determines the appeal states the proper basis, the Appeals Board will convene. Sanctions imposed are implemented immediately unless the VPSA stays their implementation pending the outcome of the appeal.

5. The Appeals Board process is not a “re-hearing” of the case. It will only consider facts and issues relevant to the basis for the appeal, and will not be conducting new investigations.

6. It will be assumed by the board that the original investigation and sanctions are sound, and the burden is on the appealing party to prove otherwise.

7. The Board shall meet with the appealing party and the non-appealing party (if requested), and may meet with anyone else deemed necessary to make their determination, including the investigators in the case.

8. The Board will make one of the following decisions:

   a. **Finding/Sanction Stands:** If upon review of relevant information the Board finds that there is no merit to the appeal, or that any issue brought up in the appeal would not change the finding or the appeal, then the Board will affirm the finding and (if applicable) the sanction. This decision is final, and the case is closed.

   b. **Appeal Granted:** If upon review of relevant information the Board finds that the appellant has met the burden of establishing that one or more grounds for appeal have merit, the Board has discretion to take action consistent with that determination. That may include, without limitation, in the case of procedural error or new information, remanding the case in whole or in part to the original investigators or new investigators or, in the case of disproportionality of a sanction, modifying that sanction as appropriate.

9. Once an appeal of a case is concluded, no further appeals are allowed, except to the extent that one or more parties seek review of proceedings ordered by the Appeals Board on remand.

Advisor of Choice

The reporting party and the responding party have the right to an advisor of their choice present with them through any interviews throughout the investigation, any proceedings resulting from investigations and any related meetings. The role of the advisor is to be of support to the parties. Advisors are not permitted to represent the parties. Thus, advisors are not permitted to ask or answer questions, nor are they to interfere in the process for any reason at any time. If an advisor does not adhere to these or other applicable ground rules, the advisor will be dismissed from the applicable interview, proceeding, or meeting, which will continue without opportunity for the advisee to secure a new advisor. Additionally, the University will determine its own schedule, and it is incumbent upon the reporting party and responding party to ensure their advisors are available. The schedule for interviews, hearings, appeals, or any meeting necessary will not be driven by advisor availability. Except in cases involving allegations of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking or
Sexual Assault, the advisor of choice for an employee of the University must be another employee of the University.

Students’ Bill of Rights
Pursuant to Article 129-B, Section 6443, of the New York State Education Law, in matters related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, all students have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or State Police
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating/intimate partner violence, stalking and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justices free from pressure by the University;
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from the University courteous, fair and respectful health care and counseling services, where available;
6. Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few University representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by the University, any student, the responding party and/or their friends, family, and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the University;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of determination;
10. Be accompanied by an advisor of choice who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the judicial process including all meetings and hearings related to such process; and
11. Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or judicial or conduct process of the University.

Faculty and Staff Bill of Rights
All St. Bonaventure employees have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or State Police;
2. Have disclosures of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating/intimate partner violence, stalking and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justices free from pressure by the University. This applies only if the employee is the person the crime is against;
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity, courtesy, fairness and respect;
6. Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or that the reporting individual should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few University representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;
8. Be protected from retaliation by the University, any student, the responding party and/or their friends, family, and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the University; and
9. Be accompanied by an advisor of choice who is an employee of the University (CODAH Advocacy Officers may be called upon) who may assist and advise a reporting individual, accused, or respondent throughout the investigatory process including all meetings and hearings related to such process.

Rights in Cases Involving Sexual Assault, Domestic/Dating Violence and Stalking

Pursuant to Article 129-B, Section 6444 of the New York State Education Law, anyone reporting an incident of sexual assault, domestic or dating violence or stalking shall be advised of their rights to:

1. Notify Campus Safety and Security, local law enforcement, and/or New York State Police;
2. Emergency access to a Title IX Coordinator or other appropriately trained official who shall be available upon the first instance of disclosure by a reporting individual and who can provide information, including:
   a) options to proceed, including the right to make a report to Safety and Security (reports to Safety and Security are reported to the Title IX Coordinator), Local Law Enforcement, and/or the New York State Police or choose not to report; to report the incident to the University; to be protected by the University from retaliation for reporting an incident; and to receive assistance and resources from the University, as set out in the St. Bonaventure University Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy, which can be found at www.sbu.edu/life-at-sbu/conduct-at-sbu/gender-based-sexual-misconduct;
   b) where applicable, the importance of preserving evidence and obtaining a sexual assault forensic examination as soon as possible;
   c) that the criminal justice process utilizes different standards of proof and evidence than the University’s judicial procedures and that any questions about whether a specific incident violated the penal law should be addressed to law enforcement or to the district attorney;
   d) whether the person they are reporting to is authorized to offer confidentiality or privacy; and
   e) any other reporting options.
3. If they are a student, to contact the University Center for Student Wellness (716-375-2310) where they may be offered confidential resources pursuant to applicable laws/policies and can be assisted in obtaining services for reporting individuals; if they are not a student but are otherwise a member of the University community, or if they are a student but prefer to seek off-campus assistance, to contact non-University confidential resources, including:
   a) Olean General Hospital Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Unit (716-372-0614)
   b) Cattaraugus County Community Action –Victim Services (1-888-945-3970)
   c) New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline – 1-800-942-6906
4. Disclose confidentially the incident and obtain services from the state or local government;
5. Disclose the incident to an official of the University who can offer privacy or, in appropriate cases determined by the Title IX Coordinator, confidentiality, subject to the St. Bonaventure University Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy, which can be found at www.sbu.edu/life-at-sbu/conduct-at-sbu/gender-based-sexual-misconduct and can assist in obtaining resources for reporting individuals;
6. File a report of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking and consult the Title IX Coordinator and other appropriate University personnel for information and assistance. Reports shall be investigated in accordance with University Policy. A reporting individual's identity shall remain private if that is what the reporting individual wishes, however privacy is not the same as confidentiality; private information can be shared to implement and fulfill the University’s obligations under the law and its Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy;
7. Disclose, if the respondent is a University employee, the incident to Human Resources or to request that a private employee assist in reporting to Human Resources;
8. Receive reasonable assistance from appropriate University representatives if interested in initiating legal proceedings in family court or civil court; and
9. Withdraw a complaint or involvement from the University processes at any time, with the understanding that in appropriate cases, the University may nonetheless be required to proceed even if the reporting individual does not wish to do so.

For information on filing a report or seeking resources go to www.sbu.edu/life-at-sbu/conduct-at-sbu/gender-based-sexual-misconduct or contact the Title IX Coordinator (Erik Seastedt, Director of Human Resources) at 716-375-2102. In addition, information on sexually transmitted infections and sexual assault forensic examinations can be obtained from University Center of Student Wellness, if a student, or from the hospital listed above, if an employee or student. Certain resources are also available to victims of crimes through the New York State Office of Victim Services, www.ovs.ny.gov.

New York State Sexual Harassment Addendum

In compliance with New York State law, the University provides for the following notifications concerning workplace sexual harassment. The following does not replace -- and is instead in addition to -- the College’s Sexual Misconduct Policy. Sexual harassment is defined in the College’s Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy, and the procedures for reporting, investigating and adjudicating complaints of sexual harassment are contained in that Policy.
The College’s policies addressing sexual harassment apply to all employees. They also apply to individuals who are not employees of the College but are employees of contractors, subcontractors, vendors, consultants, and other persons who provide services in the College’s workplace, such as interns and temporary employees.

Sexual harassment is a form of employee misconduct. A College employee who is experiencing sexual harassment or suspects that another employee is being harassed may contact his/her supervisor or department head, Human Resources, or the Title IX Coordinator. A College supervisor or manager who receives a complaint or information about workplace sexual harassment is required to take appropriate action. Appropriate action may include immediately intervening if harassment is witnessed by the supervisor or manager, and in all instances includes reporting the situation to the Title IX Coordinator.

In addition to being subject to discipline if they themselves engage in sex discrimination, sexually harassing conduct, or retaliation, persons with supervisory authority over other College employees will be subject to discipline for knowingly allowing sexual harassment to continue. A reporting form is provided as an attachment to this policy that employees may use, if they wish, to submit a report of workplace sexual harassment.

The College reserves the right to take action to correct -- including to discipline -- behaviors that violate the College’s professional conduct expectations even if the conduct does not violate the law. Therefore, not all situations that violate College policy will constitute a violation of the law or allow for a legal remedy. The following agencies enforce laws prohibiting sexual harassment. An individual who has experienced harassment may file a complaint with the College only or also may file a complaint with an enforcement agency.

The New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR) enforces the Human Rights Law (HRL), codified as N.Y. Executive Law, art. 15, § 290 et seq., which prohibits sexual harassment in employment in New York State, and protects employees, and other individuals working in an employer’s workplace. A complaint alleging a violation of the Human Rights Law may be filed either with DHR, subject to a one year statute of limitations, or in New York State Supreme Court, subject to a three year statute of limitations. Complaining internally to the College does not extend your time to file with DHR or in court.

The DHR will investigate the complaint to determine if unlawful harassment occurred and if the circumstances amount to a violation of the law. If unlawful discrimination is found after a hearing, the DHR or the court may award relief, which varies, but may include requiring the employer to take action to stop the harassment, or redress the damage caused, including reversing an unlawful employment action, paying monetary damages, attorneys’ fees and civil fines.

DHR’s main office contact information is: NYS Division of Human Rights, One Fordham Plaza, Fourth Floor, Bronx, New York 10458, (718) 741-8400 www.dhr.ny.gov. The DHR can be contacted at (888) 392-3644 or visit dhr.ny.gov/complaint for more information about filing a complaint. The website has a complaint form and contact information for DHR’s regional offices across New York State.

**Additional Information**

**Distribution of Policies and Procedures**

The University Policy and Procedures for Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct as they relate to SBU students can be found in the Student Code of Conduct, Appendix S. The Code of Conduct is located online at [www.sbu.edu/codeofconduct](http://www.sbu.edu/codeofconduct), or by going to the Student Affairs webpage at [www.sbu.edu](http://www.sbu.edu). Students, faculty and staff can also locate the Code of Conduct and the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct policy and procedures on MySBU under general links. Hard copies of the Code of Conduct can be obtained by contacting the Student Affairs Division, 716-375-2512, or by going to the Student Affairs Office, Reilly Center 201. Additionally, the Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct policy and
procedures are available in the annual crime report, published on the Student Affairs page of the University website, and hard copies are available in both the Safety and Security Office on the first floor of Robinson Hall, and in the Student Affairs Office. *St. Bonaventure University’s Guide to Understanding Sexual Misconduct* is a comprehensive booklet dedicated to the understanding of issues related to Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct, and includes extensive information about policies, procedures, local resources, bystander intervention, the importance of timely evidence collection, myths and facts, etc. This is distributed to each first year student as they attend an educational program focused on sexual violence during Welcome Days and is available in print upon request, and online as outlined above.

**Training and Prevention Programming**

In an effort to reduce the risk of gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct occurring among its students, St. Bonaventure University utilizes a range of campaigns, strategies and initiatives to provide awareness, educational, risk reduction and prevention programming.

It is the policy of the St. Bonaventure University to offer programming to prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault (including stranger and known offender assaults) and stalking each year. Educational programs are offered to raise awareness for all incoming students and employees, and are often conducted during new student and new employee orientation and throughout an incoming student’s first semester. These programs and others offered throughout the year include strong messages regarding not just awareness, but also primary prevention (including normative messaging, environmental management and bystander intervention), and discuss institutional policies on gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct as well as the New York State definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and consent in reference to sexual activity. Bystander engagement is encouraged through safe and positive intervention techniques and by empowering third-party intervention and prevention such as calling for help, using intervention-based apps, identifying allies and/or creating distractions.

Programs also offer information on risk reduction that strives to empower victims, how to recognize warning signals and how to avoid potential attacks, and do so without victim-blaming approaches. Throughout the year, ongoing awareness and prevention campaigns are directed to students and employees, including faculty, often taking the form of campaigns, guest speakers, events, and programs sponsored by student clubs and organizations. In addition, the University requires all first year students to complete Sexual Assault Prevention for First Year Students, an online educational platform offered by EverFi. All returning students are required to complete the Sexual Assault Prevention for Ongoing Students online educational platform offered by EverFi.

**Interpretation/Other Issues**

Final interpretation of this policy is vested in the Title IX Coordinator, who will have discretion to construe any uncertain or disputed provisions. Issues that are not specifically addressed in this policy may be resolved by the Title IX Coordinator in his/her discretion.

**Coordination with Other Policies**

A particular situation may potentially invoke one or more University policies or processes. The University reserves the right to determine the most applicable policy or process and to utilize that policy or process. This Policy does not apply to decisions relating to requests for reasonable accommodation due to a disability. Academic disability accommodations are handled by the Office of Disability Support Services and pursuant to that office’s policies. Work-related disability accommodations are handled by the Office of Human Resources Office and pursuant to that office’s policies.
Policy Compliance

Any person with a concern about the University’s handling of a particular matter should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Erik Seastedt at eseastedt@sbu.edu.

The U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights is a federal agency responsible for ensuring compliance with Title IX. OCR may be contacted at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-1100, (800) 421-3481.

Clergy Act Compliance

The College is required to include for statistical reporting purposes the occurrence of certain incidents in its Annual Security Report (ASR). Names of individuals involved in incidents are not reported or disclosed in ASRs.

Federal Timely Warning Reporting Obligations

Victims of sexual misconduct should also be aware that the University must issue timely warnings for reported incidents that represent a serious or continuing threat to members of the campus community. In such circumstances, the name of the alleged perpetrator may be disclosed to the community, but the name of the alleged victim/Complainant will not be disclosed.

Disclosure of Results of Disciplinary Proceedings to Next of Kin

Upon request, St. Bonaventure University will disclose the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of any crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense (incest or statutory rape) to the alleged victim’s next of kin if the victim is deceased as a result of the offense.