

**SUMMARY OF KEY PROPOSED REVISIONS**  
**UC San Diego Student Conduct Code**  
**May 2018**

This document summarizes the key proposed revisions to the UC San Diego *Student Conduct Code* for the 2018-19 academic year. These revisions have been discussed and/or reviewed by the Student Conduct Standards Group prior to the Campus Comment period. Red-lined and clean versions of these revisions can be found on the Office of Student Conduct website ([studentconduct.ucsd.edu](http://studentconduct.ucsd.edu)).

Please note that revisions of titles, gender pronouns, section references, sentence re-ordering, and language improvements are not summarized in this document.

▪ **Overall Format**

- The Student Conduct Code is in the process, along with other PACAOS (Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students) Implementing Procedures, of moving into the Policy & Procedure Manual (PPM). The new document format is evidence of this change.
- The language for several of the sections in the new document have been created specifically to describe each particular section.
- The section on Student Organizations has been eliminated. Where applicable, references to student organizations have been moved to or included with corresponding sections in the *Code*.

▪ **Section 3 – Definitions**

- We added language to the definition of “Complainant” to more effectively incorporate third party reporting situations. (Section 3, Letter F)
- In recognition of transferring policies to the PPM, we renamed the “Student Conduct Standards” to “PACAOS Implementing Procedures” to better reflect their scope and purpose. (Section 3, Letter L)
- In the definition of “Respondent”, we clarified that Principal Members respond to alleged violations on behalf of Student Organizations. (Section 3, Letter P)
- Due to questions we received during the academic year, we clarified the definition of “University Official” to include University law enforcement and security personnel. This ensures that Students understand that failing to comply with a “University Official” includes police officers and Residential Security Officers. (Section 3, Letter Z)
- We clarified the University Representative definition to limit it to UC San Diego staff members rather than University Officials generally. Only staff members are selected to serve in this role, so the revision puts our practice into the *Code*.

▪ **Section 4 (B) – Jurisdiction**

- The types of off-campus conduct where jurisdiction is normally exercised was revised to more effectively group common behaviors together, including conduct involving the University of California Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy. (Section 4, Letter B)

▪ **Section 4 (E) – Conduct In Violation of Community Standards**

- Several standards of conduct were revised to keep language consistent with Section 102.00 of the University of California Policy on Student Conduct & Discipline.
- Three standards were combined (physical abuse, conduct threatening the health or safety of any person, and threats) into one standard to remain consistent with PACAOS 102.08. (Section 4, Letter E (7))
- In 2014, the UC Office of the President (UCOP) received a proposal to change the stalking standard in PACAOS 102.10. UCOP indicated this change would be made so we made the revision to in our *Code* anticipating the change. However, UCOP never made the change and has not indicated it will occur in

the near future. As such, we are reverting back to the language currently used in PACAOS 102.10. (Section 4, Letter E (9))

- We also added language to clarify the applicability of violations of federal, state, and local laws not covered by the standards in the overall section. (Section 4, Letter E (27))

▪ **Section 4 (G) – Reports of Alleged Violations**

- When the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) receives a report, it determines whether there is reasonable cause to believe a Student or Student Organization has committed a violation of the Code. As part of this determination, OSC may conduct an investigation or refer the report to another office for investigation. The revisions reorder the language in the Code to better reflect the aforementioned process. (Section 4, Letter G (2)) & (Section 4, Letter G (4))
- We added interim language in January 2018 to grant authority to address Student Conduct Code violations connected to Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH) cases through the SVSH Student Adjudication Model. This language is required per PACAOS Section 100.00 (Section 4, Letter G (7)).
- We moved language addressing placing temporary holds on Respondent's student accounts from the Student Conduct Records section to the Reports section. (Section 4, Letter G (9)).

▪ **Section 4 (H) – Resolution Options**

- We moved language describing the referral and resolution of reports for Student Organizations from the deleted Student Organizations section to the overall section dealing with referral and resolution of reports (Section 4, Letter H (1)(e))

▪ **Section 4 (I) – Administrative Resolution**

- When students engage with an Advisor, we are required to have the student complete a records release in order to talk with the Advisor about the case. We added language addressing this requirement to merge practice with the Code. (Section 4, Letter I (5)).
- After conclusion of a Review, the report is sent to the original Student Conduct Officer so that they can notify the student of the decision in the case. We are revising to take current practice into account. (Section 4, Letter J (28(ii)))

▪ **Section 4 (K) – Resolution Process for Student Organizations**

- This section is nearly identical to Sections 4 C, D, & E. As such, we eliminated the identical provisions and moved the remaining provisions to other parts of the Code (Section 4 (K)).