

**WAC 106-125-055 Conduct review hearings—Initial decision. (1)  
Conduct review officer - Authority.**

(a) The conduct review officer will hear a respondent's appeal of disciplinary action imposing a conduct reprimand, conduct probation, or conduct suspension not in excess of ten days.

(b) In a proceeding involving sexual misconduct allegations, the conduct review officer will hear a complainant's appeal of disciplinary action dismissing the sexual misconduct allegations or imposing, with respect to such allegations, a conduct reprimand, conduct probation, or conduct suspension not in excess of ten days.

(c) The conduct review officer shall have the same authority as the student conduct officer to dismiss a proceeding, to impose a disciplinary sanction of conduct reprimand, conduct probation, or conduct suspension not in excess of ten days, or to refer the matter for disciplinary action by the student conduct council.

(2) **Appeal hearing.** Appeals heard by the conduct review officer will be conducted as informal administrative hearings consistent with the rules for "brief adjudicative proceedings" under RCW 34.05.482 and WAC 106-08-050. The review officer shall provide each party an opportunity to explain the party's view of the matter.

**(3) Initial decision - Service.**

(a) Within ten days of consideration of the appeal, the conduct review officer will serve an initial decision upon the respondent, the student conduct officer, and any complainant in a proceeding involving sexual misconduct allegations. The initial decision will explain the reasons for the decision and will provide notice of any right to request further administrative review.

(b) In a proceeding involving sexual misconduct allegations, the initial decision will explain the reasons for modifying any disciplinary action taken with respect to such allegations. The copy of the decision provided to a complainant will be redacted as needed to exclude any confidential student information not relating to the sexual misconduct allegations.

(c) A decision by the conduct review officer to refer the appeal to the student conduct council is not subject to further administrative review.

(4) **Initial decision - Request for review.** The respondent (or any complainant in a proceeding involving sexual misconduct allegations) may request administrative review of the initial decision by filing a written request for review with the dean of student success within twenty-one days of service of the initial decision. If no request for review is filed, the initial decision of the conduct review officer shall be final.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.35.120 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 15-24-054, § 106-125-055, filed 11/23/15, effective 12/24/15.]