

WAC 132M-126-070 Student conduct committee. (1) The student conduct committee shall consist of five members:

(a) Two full-time students appointed by the student government (ASLCC);

(b) Two faculty members appointed by the faculty association;

(c) One administrative staff member (other than an administrator serving as a student conduct or conduct review officer) or other impartial hearing chair appointed by the president.

(2) The administrative staff member or other impartial hearing officer shall serve as the chair of the committee and may take action on preliminary hearing matters before convening the committee.

(3) Hearings may be heard by a quorum of three committee members so long as the chair, one faculty member, and one student are included on the hearing panel. Committee action may be taken upon a majority vote of all committee members attending the hearing.

(4) Members of the student conduct committee shall not participate in any case in which they are a party, complainant, or witness, in which they have direct or personal interest, prejudice, or bias, or in which they have acted previously in an advisory capacity. Any party may petition the committee for disqualification of a committee member.

(5) For cases involving allegations of sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, members of the student conduct committee must receive training on serving impartially, avoiding prejudgment of facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias. The chair must also receive training in the student conduct process for sex discrimination cases, as well as the meaning and application of the term "relevant" in relation to questions and evidence, and the types of evidence that are impermissible, regardless of relevance in accordance with 34 C.F.R §§ 106.45 and 106.46.

(6) The college may, in its sole discretion, contract with an administrative law judge or other qualified person to act as the presiding officer authorized to exercise any or all duties of the student conduct committee and/or committee chair.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.05 RCW, RCW 28B.50.140(13), and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. WSR 25-01-083, s 132M-126-070, filed 12/13/24, effective 1/13/25. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140. WSR 21-01-145, § 132M-126-070, filed 12/17/20, effective 1/17/21.]