

**WAC 132Z-115-055 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 committee.

(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 132Z-108-050. 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 committee is not subject to further administrative review.

(4) **Initial decision - Request for review.** The respondent (or any complainant) may request administrative review of the initial decision by filing a written request for review with the vice president 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.50.140. WSR 15-14-013, § 132Z-115-055, filed 6/19/15, effective 7/20/15.]