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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 7, 2019

TO: Dr. Julie Harlin  
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber  
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

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Attached please find proposed revision to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. This change is for the following rule:

Change to **Rule 24.4.23 Abuse of Student Conduct Process**- Changes proposed and accepted were simply to clarify the types of hearings or proceedings that students could disrupt or inappropriately influence.

**Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on March 1, 2019.**

## **PROPOSAL**

Please see attached rule for extensive changes.

Bullet 3:

- Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of an investigation, conference, hearing, or an appeal process.

Bullet 6:

- Attempting to influence the impartiality of an involved official for a student conduct, disciplinary, or legal process prior to, and/or during the course of, the associated process.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

Other changes related to this rule were submitted and approved by Rules and Regulations and the faculty senate. These additional changes better encompass the totality of the rule. These bullets were missed during the initial submission. The original rationale for these changes is to be clear that attempts to disrupt or inappropriately influence any type of administrative or legal process is prohibited.

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(Additions to rules are bolded and in red font, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough.)

## 24. Student Conduct Code

(Revised: 2018~~2018~~**2019**)

24.4.23. **Abuse of student conduct process.** Abuse of the student conduct processes including *investigations*, *conferences*, and appeals. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Failure to obey the notice from a *Student Conduct Panel*, *Student Conduct Administrator*, and/or *University official* to appear for a meeting or *conference* as part of an official *University* disciplinary process.
- Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information.
- Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of an *investigation*, *conference*, **hearing** or an appeal process.
- Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated any false report.
- Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, a student conduct process.
- Attempting to influence the impartiality of ~~a member of a *Student Conduct Panel* prior to, and/or during the course of, the *Student Conduct Panel* proceeding.~~ **an involved official for a student conduct, disciplinary, or legal process prior to, and/or during the course of, the associated process.**
- Verbal or physical intimidation, and/or retaliation of any party to the Student Conduct proceeding prior to, during, and/or afterwards.
- Committing a violation of *University* rules while serving a conduct probation, conduct review, or deferred suspension status or failing to meet deadlines imposed in accordance with *University* rules.
- Failure to abide by the terms of *University* administered *sanctions*.
- Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the Student Conduct Code system.

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