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| Disruptive Conduct | 4-010 STUDENT SERVICES July 2013 |
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POLICY

- 1.01 On July 11, 1970, the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges adopted a resolution applicable to all students at OSU Institute of Technology (OSUIT).
- 1.02 The "Emergency Disciplinary Procedure in Cases of Disruption to the University's Education Process" contains the following provisions:

A. Definition of Disruptive Conduct

OSU has long honored the right of the individual to free discussion and expression, of peaceful demonstration, and of petition and peaceful assembly. That these rights are a part of the fabric of this institution and of the nation as stated in the Bill of Rights is not questioned. They must remain secure. It is equally clear that in a community of learning willful disruption of the educational process, destruction of property and interference with the rights of other members of the community cannot be tolerated.

B. Responsibility of the Student

Any student, who willfully by use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation or fear, obstructs, disrupts or attempts to obstruct or disrupt, the normal operations or functions of the university, or who orally or in writing, or using electronic means advises, procures, or incites others to do so, shall be subject to suspension from the university.

The following, while not intended to be exclusive, illustrates the offenses encompassed herein; occupation of any university building or part hereof with intent to deprive of its use; blocking the entrance or exit of any university building or corridor or room therein; setting fire to or by any other means substantially damaging any university building or property, or the property of others on university premises; any possession or display of or attempt or threat to use or use of firearms, explosives, other weapons or destructive means or devices, except as necessary for law enforcement, in any university building or on the university campus; prevention of convening, continuation or orderly conduct of any university class or activity or of any lawful meeting or assembly in any university building or on the university campus; inciting or organizing attempts to prevent student attendance of classes; and, interfering with or blocking normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on the university campus.

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C. Responsibility of the President

When it appears that there is a violation of Section A or B, it shall be the duty of the President, (and he or she is fully authorized to act) to take steps which are deemed advisable to protect the assumed and designated interests of OSUIT and to see that its rules, regulations and policies are enforced. The President shall insure that any person or persons found guilty after proper hearing shall be disciplined in accordance with the existing *OSUIT Rights and Responsibilities Governing Student Behavior*.

In carrying out these duties, the President may call upon any member of the university administration or any member of the faculty or any university employee, and may call upon any agency of the university created to deal with cases arising under Section A. Action by any state or federal court shall not preclude the university from exercising its disciplinary authority.

D. Responsibility of the Board of Regents

The Board of Regents recognizes that by the Constitution and Statutes it has the power to make such rules and regulations for the management of the university as it may deem necessary and expedient, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the State. While the Regents fully appreciate their obligation in this respect, they further recognize that in dealing with those offenses against the university defined in Section A hereof, they must impose the duty and authority of enforcing the policies set forth herein in the principal executive officer of the university, the President. It will be the responsibility of the Board of Regents to furnish all possible assistance to the President when requested by him or her.

- 1.03 Subject to the provisions of Section A through D, it shall be the duty of the President to exercise full authority in the regulation of student conduct and in matters of student discipline. In the discharge of this duty, delegation of such authority may be made by the President to administrative or other officers of the institution, in such manner and to such extent as may, by the President, be deemed necessary and expedient. Likewise, it shall be the duty of the President to secure the right of due process to every student.
- 1.04 The text of this resolution shall be printed in the “Regents’ Resolution on Disruptive Conduct” section of the *OSUIT Catalog*.

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