

Student Handbook Revisions – Support Person

Under 15.0 (change is in red)

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The student is offered the opportunity to have a supporter from the College community (i.e., a currently-enrolled student or current employee with the exception of administration (President, Vice Presidents, Deans) and those directly involved in the judicial process such as Residence Life staff members, University Police officers, hearing board members, or judicial conduct staff members) to provide assistance and support during the formal hearing with the Conduct Board. Upon request, the College will supply the names of potential supporters from the College community. The supporter should not include lawyers **except in cases where the college is recommending college suspension or expulsion as a potential sanction**. (Further guidance is provided in Section 15.9 about the role of a support person.)

Under 15.9 Article 3 (change is in red)

- B. As an option, bring one support person with them to the hearing. The student is offered the opportunity to have a supporter from the College community (i.e., a currently-enrolled student or current employee with the exception of administration (President, Vice Presidents, Deans) and those directly involved in the judicial process such as Residence Life staff members, University Police officers, hearing board members, or judicial conduct staff members) to provide assistance and support during the formal hearing with the Conduct Board. Upon request, the College will supply the names of potential supporters from the College community. The supporter should not include lawyers **except in cases where the college is recommending college suspension or expulsion as a potential sanction**. The student is responsible for contacting the supporter to obtain their approval to serve in this role. The student shall submit the supporter's contact information to the adjudicating officer at least two full College business days prior to the hearing. The supporter may: (1) attend the formal hearing with the student; and (2) advise the student during the formal hearing in writing or quiet conversation [recess(es) may be permitted for supporter to discuss matters with student]. The supporter cannot: (1) investigate the Code of Conduct charges outside of the stated conduct procedures; (2) present or prepare the student's case on behalf of the student; or (3) ask questions or respond to the Conduct Board or respondent(s)/witness(es) on behalf of the student during the formal hearing. The student is responsible for preparing and presenting their own case. Any supporter who violates these rules may be asked to leave the formal hearing.