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**POLICY:**

Students may be suspended or expelled from Georgia Perimeter College for violations of the Disruptive Student Behavior, Academic Honesty or Student Misuse of Course Materials Policies.

**PROCEDURE:**

When an expulsion panel is convened for violations of the Disruptive Student Behavior Policy (Academic Affairs) or the Academic Honesty Policy (Academic Affairs), the student will have a hold placed on his/her registration. This hold will remain in place until the student appears before an expulsion panel, the panel issues a finding report, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs makes a decision in the matter.

The expulsion panel shall consist of the following individuals appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

- The chair of the panel shall be an academic dean (other than the dean who ruled on the most recent violation)
- An academic department chair (from a discipline other than the dean)
- A faculty member (from a discipline other than the dean and department chair)
- A counselor from the Advising and Counseling Center
- A representative of the Student Government Association

The faculty members who filed charges against the student shall be notified of the meeting date, time, and location. Those instructors have the right to appear but are not required to appear.

The panel shall convene and consider all charges leveled at the student. The student will be given copies of each of the violation reports. These copies will be provided to the student five college instructional days prior to the convening of the panel. A college instructional day is a weekday on which classes meet or final exams are scheduled. The student will appear and provide a defense that demonstrates he/she should be allowed to remain enrolled. The student may be accompanied by one person of his or her choosing as long as that person was not involved in the alleged violation. That person may not speak or participate in the process in any way. The student may reference any single charge or all charges. No witnesses may be called. The student, however, may submit written affidavits to support his/her position. The affidavit should have the name and student number (if a student) of
the person making the affidavit. The affidavit should either reference one of the specific incidents or support the student’s request to remain enrolled. The student shall provide enough copies for each panel member. The student should be given a minimum of 30 minutes to state his/her case. The chair of the panel has the discretion of allowing additional time. Following the student’s defense, the chair shall give panel members the opportunity to pose questions to the student and any faculty members who initiated the cases against the student and who are present at the meeting. Those faculty members will be permitted to make one brief statement each.

Following the question and answer session, the panel shall convene in private to discuss and form a Finding Report containing a recommendation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The panel has the following options:

- The panel may recommend that no action take place.
- The panel may recommend that a student be suspended for a specific number of semesters.
- The panel may recommend that a student be expelled from the college.

It should be the goal of the panel to reach consensus on any recommendation that is sent forward. If consensus cannot be reached, then a majority vote shall be taken. The chair of the panel will vote only in the case of a tie. The chair of the panel will write a report for submission to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Any panel member may choose to write a dissenting opinion report. This dissenting opinion report shall be submitted to the panel chair within three college instructional days. The chair will attach the dissenting opinion report as an appendix to the majority opinion report. This finding report shall be submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs within three college instructional days of the meeting of the panel. A copy shall be sent to the student as well.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs will select one of the options above and issue a decision. The vice president may follow the recommendation of the panel or choose an option that is different from the panel. The vice president will notify the student of the decision within five college instructional days of receiving the report from the panel.

The student may appeal any decision made by the vice president to the president of Georgia Perimeter College. This appeal must be placed within 10 college instructional days of the notification of the decision made by the vice president. The president may decide to uphold the decision of the Vice President or direct another course of action. The decision of the President shall be made within 10 college instructional days of the appeal and forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

A student who has been expelled may apply for re-instatement after a period of three years. At the point of re-instatement, the student shall be considered free of any accusations from his/her previous enrollment period.

A student who is suspended for a specific number of semesters may return when the suspension has been completed. With each subsequent referral for violations of the Disruptive Student Behavior or Academic Honesty Policies, another expulsion panel will form and repeat the process. At this time, the panel will consider all violations that have been committed by the student.
If the final decision of the process is to take no action against the student, then the registration hold placed on the student shall be immediately lifted. With each subsequent referral for violations of the Disruptive Student Behavior or Academic Honesty Policies, another expulsion panel will form and repeat the process. At this time, the panel will consider all violations that have been committed by the student.

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