

sion and expulsion.

3. If the student believes that he or she has been erroneously accused of academic misconduct, and if his or her final grade has been lowered as a result, the student may appeal the case through the Academic Grievance Procedures.
4. Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined, but is not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupts the flow of instruction or prevents concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, the presence of non-enrolled visitors in the classroom [see APSU Policy No. 3:032, Minors on Campus Policy], etc.), the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs or interrupts the concentration of others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, laptop computers, games, etc.).
5. Class attendance and punctuality requirements are contracted between the faculty and the students through specific expectations for attendance and punctuality and specific consequences that are outlined by individual faculty members in the printed syllabus for each course. Students are expected to attend class regularly and on time and are responsible for giving explanations/rational for absences and lateness directly to the faculty member for each course in which they are enrolled. In cases where student absences are the result of emergency circumstances (e.g., death in the family, a student's serious injury or incapacitating illness), for which student(s) are unable to make immediate contact with faculty, the student may contact the Student Affairs office for assistance in providing such immediate notification to faculty. However, the student remains responsible for verifying the emergency circumstances to faculty and for discussing arrangements with faculty for possible completion of course work requirements, if feasible.

Disciplinary Sanctions

1. Upon a determination that a student or organization has violated any of the rules, regulations, or disciplinary offenses set forth in these regulations, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed, either singly or in combination, by the appropriate University officials. (Note: Final results of disciplinary proceedings for violations that include violent acts or non-forcible sex offenses, as defined by Tennessee law, may be released without permission of the student perpetrator.)
2. Definition of Sanctions:
 - (a) Restitution. A student who has committed an offense against property may be required to reimburse the University or other owner for damage to or misappropriation of such property. Any such payment in restitution shall be limited to actual cost of repair or replacement.
 - (b) Reprimand. A written reprimand or censure may be given to any student or organization whose conduct violates any part of these regulations. Such a reprimand does not restrict the student or student organization in any way but does have important consequences. It signifies to the student or student organization that each is being given another chance to conduct themselves as a proper member of the University community, but that any further violation may result in more serious penalties.
 - (c) Restriction. A restriction upon a student's or organization's privileges for a period of time may be imposed. This restriction may include, but is not limited to, the following: denial of the right to represent the institution in any way, denial of the use of University facilities and/or parking privileges, restriction of participation in extracurricular activities, restriction of organizational privileges including registration, and restriction of the transfer of academic credit from another institution.

- (d) University Probation. Continued enrollment of a student on probation may be conditioned upon adherence to these regulations. Any student placed on probation will be notified of such in writing and will also be notified of the terms and length of probation. Probation may include restrictions upon the extracurricular activities of a student. Parents or legal guardians may be notified. Any conduct in violation of these regulations while on probationary status may result in the imposition of a more serious disciplinary sanction.
- (e) Suspension. If a student is suspended, he/she is separated from the University or from a class for a stated period of time with conditions for readmission stated in the notice of suspension. Parents or legal guardians may be notified.
- (f) Expulsion. Expulsion entails a permanent separation from the University. The imposition of this sanction is a permanent bar to the student's readmission to the University. Parents or legal guardians may be notified.
- (g) Interim or Summary Suspension. Though as a general rule, the status of a student accused of violations of these regulations should not be altered until a final determination has been made in regard to the charges against him or her, summary suspension may be imposed upon a finding by the appropriate institutional official that the continued presence of the accused on campus constitutes an immediate threat to the physical safety and well-being of the accused, or of any other member of the University community or its guests, destruction of property, or substantial disruption of classroom or other campus activities. A final determination of the charges against any student summarily suspended shall be made through appropriate hearing procedures within ten (10) class days of such suspension during which time the accused shall forfeit all rights and privileges as a student of the University. Parents or legal guardians may be notified.
- (h) Housing Probation. A resident placed on housing probation is deemed not to be in good standing with the housing community, and his/her continued residence is conditioned upon adherence to these Regulations and the Housing Contract. Any resident placed on probation shall be notified in writing of the terms and length of the probation. Parents or legal guardians may be notified. Any conduct of a similar or more serious nature in violation of the probation shall result in suspension from housing.
- (i) Housing Suspension and Forfeiture. A resident suspended from housing may not reside in, visit or make any use whatsoever of a housing facility or participate in any housing activity during the period for which the sanction is in effect. A suspended resident shall be required to forfeit housing fees (including any unused portion thereof and the Housing deposit). A suspended resident must vacate the housing unit within forty-eight (48) hours. Housing suspension shall remain a part of the student's disciplinary record. Parents or legal guardians may be notified.
- (j) Service to the University. A student may be required to donate a specified number of service hours to the University, by way of performing reasonable tasks for the appropriate University office or official. This service shall be commensurate to the offense the student is guilty of violating (i.e., service to maintenance staff for defacing University property).
- (k) Special Educational Program. A student may be required to participate in any special educational programs relevant to the offense, to attend special seminars or educational programs or to prepare a project or report concerning a relevant topic.
- (l) Interim or Summary Suspension from Campus Housing. Though as a general rule, the status of a student accused of violations of these regulations should not be altered until a final determination has been made in regard to the charges against him or her, interim suspen-

sion from campus housing may be imposed upon a finding by the appropriate University official that the continued presence of the accused in Austin Peay State University housing constitutes an immediate threat to the physical safety and well-being of the accused, or of any other member of the University community or its guests, or the destruction of property. A final determination of the charges against any student summarily suspended from campus housing shall be made through appropriate hearing procedures within seven (7) class days of such housing suspension during which time the accused shall forfeit the right to reside in or visit campus housing facilities. The accused shall be permitted to attend classes during this interim period. Parents or legal guardians may be notified.

- (m) Referral for Intervention, Assessment and/or Counseling. The student is mandated to visit the appropriate University official for an initial intervention and assessment which may be followed by required participation and a prescribed plan of action or treatment plan. Parents or legal guardians may be notified.
- (n) Fines. Penalties in the form of fines may be enforced against a student or an organization whenever the appropriate hearing officer(s) or hearing body deems necessary. The sanction of fines may be imposed in addition to other forms of disciplinary sanctions. Failure to pay fines to the Business Office within two weeks of the decision will result in further disciplinary action.
- (o) Letter of Apology. A student or student organization may be required to write a letter of apology to the University or its guests, another student or student organization, faculty or staff member, or any other constituent affected by the behavior for which the student or student organization has been found responsible. The letter shall be written and sent within seven (7) class days of notification of sanction and copies to the appropriate hearing body or official.

3. The president of the University is authorized, in his/her discretion, to subsequently convert any sanction imposed to a lesser sanction, or to rescind any previous sanction, in appropriate cases.

Disciplinary Procedure

1. Alternative Hearing Procedures:

- (a) Procedures conforming to the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. All cases which may result in (i) suspension or expulsion of a student from the University for disciplinary reasons, or (ii) revocation of registration of a student organization during the term of the registration are subject to the contested case provisions of the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act (TUAPA) and shall be processed in accordance with the uniform contested case procedures adopted by the Board of Regents, unless the student or student organization waives those procedures in writing and elects to have his or her case heard by either the University Hearing Board or an Administrative Hearing.
- (b) Cases which are not subject to the contested case procedures under the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and cases in which a student or student organization has waived the contested case procedures in writing shall be processed in accordance with Institutional Hearing Procedures. The University has established two alternate Institutional Hearing Procedures:
 - 1. A hearing conducted by one or more Student Affairs Administrators; or
 - 2. A hearing conducted by the University Hearing Board. (NOTE: This option shall be available until the final ten (10) class days of each semester, or the final five (5) class days of the second summer term, during which time all disciplinary hearings will be conducted by appropriate Student Affairs Administrators, except