



MEMORANDUM

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2015

To: Members of the College Council,
State University of New York Maritime College

From: RADM Michael Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D., President

Subject: Approval of Changes to the Student Code of Conduct 2016-2017

Action Requested

The proposed resolution approves changes to the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College Student Code of Conduct 2016-2017.

Resolution

I recommend that the College Council adopt the following resolution:

“The changes as annotated in the attached SUNY Maritime College Code of Conduct are approved.”

Background

Admission to the College carries with it the expectation that students read and abide by the Student Code of Conduct with all the rights and responsibilities that it implies and by his/her attendance at Maritime College assumes the obligation to comply with the Student Code of Conduct. Periodic changes to the Student Code of Conduct are sometimes required. The forthcoming interation of the Student Code of Conduct sees two major additions/changes:

1. In November 2015, a fire broke out in one of the regimental dormitories at the College. While no one was hurt, and no major structural damage was sustained, this prompted a close review of the language in the Student Code of Conduct.

We have added guidance and policy directly related to fire prevention and the consequences associated with tampering with safety equipment.

2. The definition of “Affirmative Consent” changed right after the printing of the current Student Code of Conduct. The new definition is consistent with (1) the Clery Act, including the Violence Against Women Act amendments and regulations, (2) the OCR April 2014 “Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence,” (3) the OCR April 2011 “Dear Colleague” Letter, and (4) concepts from the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault First Report.

Office of the President