

**RESOLUTION FOR UPDATES TO THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT  
FOR THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Virginia §23.1-412 mandates all public institutions of higher education to maintain and enforce non-academic student codes of conduct that uphold the values and expectations of their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech is committed to fostering an environment that promotes academic integrity, respect, and responsibility among its students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Code of Conduct at Virginia Tech outlines the expectations for student behavior and the university's approach to managing instances of misconduct, applying to all enrolled students and student organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors to ensure the Student Code of Conduct is reviewed and updated regularly to reflect best practices, legal requirements, and the evolving needs of the university community; and

**WHEREAS**, the university recognizes the importance of clear, understandable, and easily navigable policies to ensure students are well-informed of their rights and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, these refinements aim to improve the overall comprehension and enforceability of the Student Code of Conduct, thereby facilitating a more respectful and responsible student body;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Student Code of Conduct, applicable to undergraduate, graduate, professional students, and student organizations, be approved by the Board of Visitors, to include new language as outlined below (in red) to take effect upon approval of the board:

- (pg. 6) Section III. Jurisdiction: **Virginia Tech reserves the right to address any behavior or act that potentially violates local, state, or federal law.** When conduct violates both criminal law and the Student Code of Conduct, disciplinary action may be taken by the university, irrespective and separate from criminal action. At the university's discretion, the Office of Student Conduct may proceed with disciplinary action prior to a criminal trial or postpone action until after trial.
- (pg. 13) Section V. Prohibited Conduct: Other Prohibited Conduct: **Prohibited Conduct: Violations of federal, state, or local laws, regulations, orders, or ordinances.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the updates to the student code of conduct for the 2024-25 academic year be adopted.

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