

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

1. The term "University" means Franklin Pierce University.
2. The term "student" includes all persons taking courses at the University, both full-time and part-time. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the University are considered students.
3. The term "faculty member" means any person hired by the University to conduct classroom activities.
4. The term "University official" and "University employee" includes any person employed by the University performing assigned administrative or professional responsibilities.
5. The term "member of the University community" includes any person who is a student, faculty member, staff member, or University official. A person's status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Student Affairs Office.
6. The term "University premises" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by the University, including adjacent streets and sidewalks.
7. The term "judicial body" means any person or persons authorized by this document or by the Vice President for Student Affairs to determine whether a student has violated the Student Code and to recommend or to assign imposition of sanctions.
8. The term "organization" means any number of persons who have complied with formal requirements for recognition by the University.
9. The term "appellate authority" means any person or persons authorized by this document or by the Vice President for Student Affairs to consider an appeal resulting from a judicial body's determination that a student has violated the Student Code or from the sanctions imposed by that body.
10. The term "shall" is used in the imperative sense.
11. The term "may" is used in the permissive sense.

12. The term "policy" is defined as the written regulations of the University as found in, but not limited to this document, the Student Handbook, the University Catalog, and the Honor Code.
13. The term "advisor" is defined as a member of the University community (faculty, staff or student) selected by an accused student to assist him/her at a judicial hearing. The role of the advisor is limited to direct assistance to the student; as it is the responsibility of the student to present his/her own testimony, evidence, etc., the advisor may not address the hearing board/officer directly or on behalf of the student unless requested by the Hearing Officer or the Chair of the Judicial Board to do so, or, upon request of the accused student, the Hearing Officer or the Chair of the Judicial Board grants such request upon good cause shown. A student bringing a complaint to the hearing board/officer may also have an advisor of his/her choosing from within the university community.
14. The term "sanction" is defined as the action issued by a judicial body as a result of a student being found to be in violation of a university regulation. Such action may be educational and/or punitive in nature.