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**30. Administrative Response To Dangerous or Disruptive Behavior Which May Be Caused by Manifestations of a Serious Psychological Problem**

(Revised: 2005)

**The university is committed to the success of all students, including those with depression or other mental health conditions. The University recognizes that students may experience medical/mental health situations that significantly limit their ability to function successfully or safely in their role as students.** Texas A&M University shall, through the Student Counseling Service (primarily) or Student Health Services (secondarily), provide evaluation, referral, and appropriate treatment, within the available resources of the institution, for students manifesting serious psychological problems. ~~The personnel of all departments of the University are expected to refer students with apparent psychological problems to the Student Counseling Service (primarily) or Student Health Services (secondarily).~~ **If a member of the University community observes any behavior that is concerning, individuals may report the behavior to the Special Situations Team (<http://tellsomebody.tamu.edu>) or other appropriate university resources including, but not limited to, the Student Counseling Service.**

Students who display dangerous or disruptive behavior **which may be** caused by manifestations of a serious psychological problem may be: **1) referred for an individual evaluation and/or 2) administratively** withdrawn from the university; **in some instances,** this withdrawal may be involuntary. **Voluntary or involuntary administrative withdrawals permit students to take a break from the University's rigorous academic environment. The Vice President for Student Affairs or designee is charged with responsibility for decision making related to Rule 30.**

Dangerous or disruptive behavior caused by manifestations of a serious psychological problem includes, but are not limited to:

- instances where a student engages in, or threatens to engage in, inappropriate behavior which poses a danger of causing physical harm to self or others, or inappropriate behavior that demonstrates a student's inability to care for self, and/or
- instances of inappropriate behavior, which would cause significant property damage, or would directly and substantially impede the lawful activities of others, or that substantially interferes with or impedes the educational experiences of others, or would interfere with the educational process and the orderly operation of the University, and/or
- ~~• instances where a student engages in inappropriate behavior where a contributing factor is failure to follow a prescribed medical or psychological treatment plan, and/or~~
- instances of inappropriate behavior that causes a chronic, inordinate use of university resources including, but not limited to, staff time, psychological services, medical services, and/or emergency services, thereby resulting in an undue burden to the University.

**30.1. Involuntary Referral for Evaluation**

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When it is determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee that a student has allegedly participated in one or more of these behaviors, the student will be required to present himself or herself within one business day, to the Director of the Student Counseling Service or his/her designee, **for an individual evaluation**. The student will be notified in writing of this by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

### **30.2. Withdrawal**

**Under this rule, students may be voluntarily or involuntarily withdrawn from the University. The decision for an involuntary withdrawal shall be made by a committee.**

The ~~Department~~ **Offices of the Dean** of Student Life, ~~or the Office of the Commandant for members of the Corps of Cadets,~~ is responsible for the University disciplinary process. This policy does not preclude a student's removal from the University, or any unit, class, or program, for disciplinary reasons in accordance with Texas A&M University Student Rules. ~~The Department of Student Life, or the Office of the Commandant for Corps members, and the Student Counseling Service and Student Health Services~~ **The Vice President for Student Affairs or designee**, with appropriate releases, may consult to determine whether a student accused of violating the **Student** Rules should be diverted from the disciplinary process to **the Rule 30 procedures**. Conversely, ~~these departments~~ **the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee**, with appropriate releases, may consult to determine whether a student referred for consideration for an ~~medical~~ **administrative** withdrawal **under Rule 30** might be more appropriately handled through the student disciplinary process. ~~A student who is withdrawn from the university, under the provisions of this rule, has the opportunity for one appeal.~~

**Campuses outside of Brazos County will comply with the intent of the rules given available resources. These processes will be articulated in Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the campuses and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.**