Disruptive Student Quick Sheet

**Policy**

*Disorderly Conduct:* A breach of peace on University property or at a University Event. Conduct in the classroom such as loud, aggressive, or combative behavior that disrupts or interferes with the normal functions of a class including, but not limited to, failure to conform to the instructor’s announced expectations for the classroom. Disruptive behavior also includes use of cell phones or other electronic devices for voice or text communication in class, unless permitted by the instructor.

*Intimidation, Bullying, or Harassment:* Any act of intimidation, bullying, or harassment directed against any person or group of persons including, but not limited to, acts motivated by ethnicity, race, national origin, religion, gender (perceived or actual), gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or political beliefs.

*Physical Assault:* The physical assault of another individual (including fighting) or the threat of physical assault.

*Failure to Comply:* Interfering with, giving false name to, or failing to cooperate with any properly-identified University employee while these persons are in the performance of their duties.

**Process**

*Initial Incident:* If a student’s behavior in class is so persistent or pervasive that it disrupts the learning environment, the faculty member may ask the student to leave that specific class period. **If the student refuses to leave or if the faculty member feels in danger,** University Police should be contacted at 912.344.3333.

*Reporting:* If a student is asked to leave, the faculty member should contact the Office of Student Integrity at student.integrity@armstrong.edu. This email must include the student’s name, 907#, an objective description of the incident, and why the student was asked to leave. The faculty member should follow all appropriate academic department protocol as well.

In rare and extreme circumstances, the Vice President for Student Affairs may issue an interim suspension of a student from a particular class or from the University, pending the outcome of Student Integrity Proceedings.

*Next Steps:* An incident involving a disruptive student may not always result in Student Integrity charges. Depending on the circumstances, the report may get forwarded on to the Behavioral Assessment Team for review and management. During a Behavioral Assessment Team review there may also be a concurrent Student Integrity process.

The reporting faculty member may be called upon to provide more information to the Office of Student Integrity or to the Behavioral Assessment Team. If there are Student Integrity charges filed, the faculty member may be called upon to provide information to the Student Integrity Board.

*Follow-up:* Regardless of which route the report takes, the reporting faculty member will be kept informed as much as possible.

*More information and strategies on managing disruptive students can be found on the Office of Student Integrity website.*