PARENTAL NOTIFICATION POLICY

Policy Statement

The Dean of Students may notify parents in certain circumstances.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding parental notification.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All members of The University of Southern Mississippi community.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-ds-016

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

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The Dean of Students office reserves the right to notify the parents of students under the age of 21 who violate alcohol and other drug provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, or who, in our professional judgment, are considered to be a danger to themselves or others. Upon receipt of an alcohol or other drug violation by a student under the age of 21, the Dean of Students will staff the case and make a decision regarding parental notification based on the particular
circumstances of the offense and the student’s history. Parents will be notified by letter or phone, depending on the circumstances of the case.

SANCTIONS

University students who violate articles of the rules will be subject to disciplinary actions that range from probation with educational sanctions through suspension and expulsion. Students accused of violating these policies and rules are afforded full due process under the university Code of Student Conduct. The university reserves the right to assign disciplinary sanctions based on the particular circumstances of each individual case. Sanctions against Southern Miss employees range from a letter of reprimand to termination of employment. The university may refer violators for prosecution to the appropriate officials. The university may impose multiple sanctions.

Review

The Dean of Students is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

Forms/Instructions

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Related Information

N/A

History

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Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]

Responsible Officer

Date 4/4/13