

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

BOARD POLICY No. 4908

Policy on Threats of Violence

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References:

Students may not utter a threat of violence on any COM-FSM campus, at any COM-FSM approved or sponsored event on COM-FSM property, in the buildings, vehicles or boats used by COM-FSM for its educational or recreational programs or against any member of the COM-FSM community wherever the threat of violence may take place. Any violation of the policy on threats of violence will result in a referral to the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will range as described below.

A. *First Offense.*

1. Referral for up to thirty hours of professional education/counseling, which must be completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee and prior to reinstatement after suspension.
2. Disciplinary suspension for up to one year. Restitution, if appropriate.
3. Any measures short of disciplinary suspension if, in the view of the Disciplinary Committee, such measures will reasonably enforce the goals of the policy.
4. Referral of the matter to local law enforcement authorities, if appropriate.

B. *More than Two Offenses.* A second offense of the policy on threats of violence is an offense that occurs within the same semester as the first offense. The following semester begins on the first day of the term. Penalties will range up to the following:

1. Disciplinary suspension for up to two years.
2. Referral for up to thirty hours of professional education/counseling, which must be completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee and prior to reinstatement after suspension.
3. Prohibition on the student from even entering the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus, state campuses or FSM-FMI for up to two years.
4. Restitution, if appropriate.
5. Any measures short of disciplinary suspension if in the view of the Disciplinary Committee, such measures will reasonably enforce the goals of the prohibition of violence policy.
6. Referral of the matter to local law enforcement authorities, if appropriate.

C. *More than Two Offenses.* In the event any student is to be disciplined for more than two offenses during the school year, the Disciplinary Committee may impose the highest discipline allowed for that offense.

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- D. *Immediate Suspension.* A student charged with any offense under this policy may be immediately suspended from the college by the administration, pending the holding of the Disciplinary Hearing and issuance of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.
- E. *Failure to Comply with Assigned Disciplinary Actions.* Non-compliance by the student of assigned disciplinary actions will result in the withholding of grades and/or transcripts until written notice of compliance has been filed with the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Services or the Campus Dean/Director, who will be responsible to provide the appropriate lists to the Office of Admissions, Records, and Retention. The withholding of grades can interfere with the ability of the student to obtain future financial aid for his/her schooling. Failure to complete counseling and other requirements inside the given time constraints under any discipline imposed may result in the denial of the student to register for continued classes.

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