SECTION THREE
STUDENT ISSUES

III.4 Code of Conduct and Commitment to Civility

Mohawk Valley Community College believes in the core values and ethics that are so vital to all local, regional and global communities. Being a member of the Mohawk Valley Community College community requires a commitment to these values including, but not limited to civility, personal accountability, professional and academic ethics, personal integrity, dignity for self and others, fairness, honesty and respect for self and others. The Student Code of Conduct and Commitment to Civility govern the relationship between the student and the College and is as follows:

College Rights

• To establish criteria and standards for accepting, advising, counseling, teaching, evaluation, graduating, and as necessary, disciplining students.
• To establish and enforce standards of acceptable behavior for anyone associated with the College.
• To bring legal or judicial action against any student violating College regulations, policies, and procedures.
• To provide guidance and direction about student rights.
• To take action to continue its work as an academic institution.

Student Rights

• To access services offered by the College.
• To participate on College committees where Student Congress representation is required.
• To due process in situations involving judicial action.
• To access an appeal process.
• To have reasonable privacy except in situations involving personal safety or well-being.
• To benefit from the educational process, free from harassment or disruption.

Regulations

Forms of misconduct that may initiate judicial procedures include, but are not limited to:
1. Any crime or threat of crime against an individual because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, disability, religion or religious practice or sexual orientation.
2. Dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism, forgery, furnishing false information, stealing.
3. Obstruction, disruption or prevention of orderly classes, meetings, and other College activities.

4. Damage to or unauthorized use of private or College property.
5. Unauthorized presence in College facilities.
6. Intimidation, harassment, physical harm, or threat to anyone at the College.
7. Abusive, obscene, indecent, or lewd conduct.
8. Use, possession, distribution, or sale of controlled substances at the College.
9. Use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages except when authorized by appropriate College administrators.
10. Use or possession of firearms, explosives, and noxious chemicals or other items at the College that could be considered or simulate a weapon except where authorized by the College.
11. Failure to comply with reasonable instructions from authorized College personnel.
12. Claiming to speak or act in the name of the College without authorization.
13. Any action which threatens the mental, psychological, or physical health of another person at the College including those actions for the sole purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization (hazing).
14. Recording, broadcasting, streaming, or otherwise sharing of private information without authorization of any involved party.
15. Non-permissive recording of another person ("Stephanie's Law").
16. Use of social media of other technology to defame, trespass, assault, or inflict emotional distress upon another person or that is otherwise illegal (cyber-bullying, sexting).
17. Violations of other college regulations and policies.

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