Structure of the University Judicial System

**Summary/Purpose:** To describe the structure of the University judicial system for nonacademic discipline.

The University judicial system, under the direction of the Office of the Dean of Students and Student Housing and Residence Life, is composed of administrative hearing officers, the University Judicial Council, the Appellate Consideration Board, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Chancellor, and other University hearing bodies. These bodies and officials are charged with hearing and/or reviewing cases of nonacademic misconduct. Cases involving academic misconduct or academic dishonesty should follow the separate judicial or disciplinary processes set forth by the Office of the Provost.

**University of Mississippi Judicial Council**

University Judicial Council, is a primary finder of fact and decision-making body in the University judicial system and consists of a student judicial chair, ten students (one of whom will serve as assistant student chair), five faculty, and five staff members. The Assistant Dean of Students for Judicial Affairs serves as the advisor to the council.

The position of Student Judicial Chair is elected by the student body through the University’s annual Associated Student Body (ASB) campus-wide elections. The ten remaining student members are selected by a process determined by the ASB. The ten students selected through that process elect the assistant student chair. The five faculty members will be selected by the Faculty Senate and the five staff members by the Staff Council.

The University Judicial Council, acting through a panel of at least seven members (six members plus the chair or assistant chair presiding), hears and decides cases involving alleged individual or organizational violations of University policy and any other case assigned to it by the Office of the Dean of Students. Decisions of the University Judicial Council are final, subject to appeal.

**Appellate Consideration Board**

Cases involving violations of University policy heard by the University Judicial Council, which result in sanctions other than suspension or expulsion from the University may be appealed to the Appellate Consideration Board. A panel consisting of at least three members of the Appellate Consideration Board will consider each case appealed to it. The Chancellor has delegated final authority of review to the Appellate Consideration Board for cases for which they convene.

**Appellate Consideration Board Membership**

The Appellate Consideration Board will include two students, one faculty member, and one staff member. The Office of the Dean of Students will work in conjunction with the same groups that select members for the University Judicial Council to identify those to serve on the Appellate Consideration Board.

**Other Hearing Bodies**
Individual colleges, schools, and professional programs may also have their own individual judicial processes for student discipline and/or to make academic judgments based on a student’s fitness for continuance in his or her respective program of study. In addition, the department of Student Housing and Residence Life may place a student’s Housing contract under review for alleged University policy violations.