

Judicia Council

From time to time, the Vice President of Student Services convenes a Judicial Council composed of two students appointed by the Student Senate and two faculty representatives appointed by the Academic Senate. The Vice President of Student Services and the Dean of Student Services also attend these meetings.

In this setting, the Judicial Council hears the student's appeal and their explanation of the circumstances that led to the incident resulting in the disciplinary action. The Dean of Student Services then presents the rationale for the disciplinary decision. After both presentations, the student is excused, and the Judicial Council begins its deliberations. Once a decision is reached, the Council's recommendation is forwarded to the Superintendent/President for final consideration.

The Judicial Council meets only when a student initiates an appeal of disciplinary action; as a result, meetings occur infrequently. When convened, the Council conducts hearings and provides recommendations in accordance with AP 5500 and AP 5520, which are available on the [Board of Trustees webpage](#) under Chapter 5.

In most cases—unless consensus cannot be reached—the Judicial Council completes its work in a single meeting.

The Academic Senate is seeking Senators and constituents who are willing to volunteer to serve on the Judicial Council as needed. Judicial Council meetings occur only when a student initiates an appeal of a disciplinary action, and volunteers may be called upon intermittently throughout the year. Different faculty can be selected for different hearings. Service includes participating in hearings, reviewing information presented by the students and the Dean of Student Services, and contributing to the Council's recommendation in accordance with AP 5500 and AP 5520.