

Texas Woman's University University Regulation and Procedure

Regulation and Procedure Name: Involuntary Withdrawal

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Policy Owner: Student Life

POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of the Involuntary Withdrawal Policy is to provide a mechanism whereby a student may be withdrawn involuntarily from the University under certain conditions.

TWU seeks to balance the rights of individual students with the rights of the TWU community. In order to maintain the safety of both, some behaviors may require consultation among a network of campus professionals to determine the appropriate course of action to address the behavior.

APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to TWU Students.

DEFINITIONS

None

REGULATION AND PROCEDURE

I. Involuntary Withdrawal

A student may be involuntarily withdrawn From the University by the Vice President for Student Life, with or without the recommendation of the Behavioral Assessment Team ("BAT"), if the student:

- A. Engages or threatens to engage in behavior which directly and substantially impedes the lawful and rightful activities of others, or
- B. Engages or threatens to engage in behavior which poses a danger of causing harm to persons or property.

II. General Procedure

- A. In extraordinary circumstances, when a student's presence may reasonably be deemed by TWU in its sole discretion to pose an imminent danger of or from the above, the University may immediately involuntarily withdraw the student from the University.
- B. Information concerning disruption or threats made by a person to others should be reported to the Office of Student Life. A threat means there appears to be a high probability of substantial harm to others based on observation of a student's conduct, actions, and/or statements.
- C. The Associate Vice President for Student Life or his or her designee will review the information including what attempts, if any, have been made to reduce or eliminate the behavior or direct threat.
 - 1. If it is determined that there is credible evidence to believe that a disruption or threat may exist, a meeting with the BAT will be scheduled.
 - 2. The BAT consists of representatives from relevant components in the University, such as Housing, the Counseling Center, Student Health Services, Department of Public Safety, Disability Support Services, Human Resources, Dean of Students, Dallas and Houston Student Life (as appropriate) and the faculty. The Committee is chaired by the Associate Vice President for Student Life.
 - 3. The BAT may act on the University's behalf to recommend an involuntary withdrawal of a student who engages or threatens to engage in behavior which directly and substantially impedes the lawful and rightful activities of others or engages or threatens to engage in behavior which poses a danger of causing harm to others.
 - 4. The BAT will take action to assist the student and to preserve the safety of the environment. The BAT may advise a student to voluntarily withdraw if the student engages or threatens to engage in behavior which directly and substantially impedes the lawful and rightful activities of others, or engages or threatens to engage in behavior which poses a danger of causing harm to persons or property.
- D. If the student is not willing to voluntarily withdraw, the BAT will make a recommendation to the Vice President for Student Life to initiate an involuntary withdrawal. A student will be subject to an involuntary withdrawal if there is a preponderance of evidence that the student:
 - 1. Engages or threatens to engage in behavior which directly and substantially impedes the lawful and rightful activities of others or

2. Engages or threatens to engage in, behavior which poses a danger of causing harm to others.

E. The meeting with the BAT may include, but is not limited to, the discussion of:

1. The reported problem or situation causing concern,
2. The impact of that problem or situation on others within the TWU community,
3. Disruptions to the University community,
4. Involvement of parents or significant others,
5. Academic progress,
6. Living arrangements,
7. Confidentiality waivers,
8. Withdrawal implications, and
9. The option to withdraw voluntarily from the University.

F. If the BAT believes that the student does not present a direct threat to the University community, the Behavioral Assessment Team may take action as deemed appropriate including:

1. Referring the student to the Student Code of Conduct disciplinary process;
2. Recommending that the student seek appropriate treatment; continuing to monitor the situation involving the student and if appropriate developing a plan to support the student and to protect the University community; and
3. Recommending changes to the student's educational program, including changes in University housing assignments.

III. Readmission

Students are eligible for consideration of readmission following an involuntary withdrawal after one calendar year. The student should contact the office of Student Life for readmission procedures. Readmission to academic programs where space is limited is contingent upon space being available in the program. Readmission into the University does not guarantee admission into a specific academic program.

REVIEW

This policy will remain in effect and published until it is reviewed, updated, or archived. This policy is to be reviewed once every six years. Interim review may be required as a result of updates to federal and state law or regulations, Board of Regents policies, or internal processes or procedures.

REFERENCES

[URP 06.200: Student Code of Conduct](#)

FORMS AND TOOLS

None

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