



ARGOSY UNIVERSITY

April 8, 2009

Brian Alston
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Dear Brian,

You have been referred to the Student Conduct Committee (SCC) by Dr. Kevin Bowman, Associate Professor in the Clinical Psychology Program due to a possible violation of the Argosy University Ethical Code of Conduct as stated on page 14 of the Argosy University Academic Catalog. "Students are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical, professional, and civil manner. Unprofessional behavior includes, but is not limited to, hostile or careless uses of profanity or obscenities, physical displays of anger or aggressiveness, threatening gestures or comments, violence or harassment, insubordination or persistent, disrespectful arguing with supervisors, or any other illegal or unethical conduct. Unprofessional behavior may be cause for disciplinary action." In addition, "Argosy University is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning, as well as to the development of responsible personal and social conduct." It was noted that an email sent seemed to lack an understanding of professional relationships and boundaries, as well as a lack of awareness of interpersonal civility.

A meeting to discuss your case has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:30am** at the downtown Honolulu Argosy University Campus. It is strongly recommended that you prepare a written response to these concerns and submit your response to me prior to the meeting on the April 21st so that I may distribute materials to the Committee members. Your written response, addressing the concerns raised will greatly assist the committee during our discussion with you. If for some reason you are unable to attend the meeting your response will be viewed by the committee as your testimony regarding the recommendation for dismissal. Failure to attend the meeting or to provide the committee with a written response will result in the committee making a decision based solely on the information provided by the SPDC.

The purpose of the Student Conduct Committee is to monitor academic progress, academic and administrative sanctions and professional competence. Please refer to your Academic Catalog for a further description of the function of the committee. The SCC includes Dr. Kristine Lesperance, Dr. Ricky Trammel, Ms. Cherie Andrade (Director of Student Services – who serves as a non-voting member and policy advisor), and myself.

You are permitted to have a support person present during the hearing. The support person may not be an attorney nor can they act as an attorney or an advocate. You are expected to

speak on your own behalf. A Student Government Representative (SGA) may be asked to attend the meeting to provide meaningful input from a student's perspective and offer peer support to you.

While the SGA representative participates in the Committee's discussion, all decisions of the Committee will rest with the Committee members. However, we are mindful that some students may not wish to have a fellow student present when they are before the Committee. Therefore, SGA participation at your meeting with the Committee is completely up to you. If you would like a SGA Representative present, you must notify me upon receipt of this letter so that there is time for advanced notification.

Please note that all correspondence/communication regarding this matter is privy to relevant parties (e.g., members of SCC, SPDC, Program Chair, Argosy University counsel, etc.). Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at ajackson@argosy.edu.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Student Conduct Committee

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Academic Advisor
Chair, Clinical Psychology Program
Members of the Student Conduct Committee