Student Rights in Deliberations of the Professional Concerns Committee

Audience: □ Faculty  □ Staff  □ Students

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1. The following rights apply to a student who is referred for action to the Professional Concerns Committee by the College of Education administration, faculty or staff, a University Student Teaching Supervisor or a school district employee at a field experience site.
   a. Right to be informed in writing of all concerns before any hearing may proceed.
   b. Right to waive the notice of referral.
   c. Right to reasonable access to the hearing files, which shall be maintained by the Professional Concerns Committee chairperson.
   d. Right to be accompanied by a counselor or advisor who may advice the student privately outside the meeting area. Such a counselor or advisor may not attend the hearing or appear in lieu of the student.
   e. Right to review evidence used in disciplinary action against him/her.
   f. Right to appeal the decision through the appropriate University channels. However, neither party may appeal if the committee determines that the concerns about the candidate’s professionalism are true, but the only punishment assessed is verbal or written warning or disciplinary probation.

2. A student may not be expelled or suspended prior to an administrative interview by Dean of Students. However, when the presence of a student on campus poses continuing danger to persons or property or presents an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process on the University campus or a public or private school field experience site, an interim suspension may be imposed. A hearing or administrative interview by the Professional Concerns Committee or the Dean of Students will be scheduled as soon thereafter as practicable.

3. The above stated list of rights is not necessarily exhaustive; and, the student is advised to consult the Code of Student Conduct and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents, Texas State University System for an unabridged enumeration of his or her rights.

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