

**Resolution for Changes to the Hokie Handbook (www.hokiehandbook.vt.edu)
Modifications to the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct**

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by the Board of Visitors

WHEREAS, the University Student Conduct System is an educational tool with two main objectives: to hold students accountable for unacceptable behavior, and to modify those behaviors deemed unacceptable by the university, and

WHEREAS, the University Student Conduct System strives to address unacceptable behavior in a manner that informs students and guides them toward a greater sense of personal responsibility, and more mature and ethical standards, and

WHEREAS, current policy (contained in the Hokie Handbook) addresses the possession, use, and distribution of illegal drugs, and

WHEREAS, the proposed change (the underlined text below) would address the possession of used or unused drug paraphernalia (which includes, but is not limited to bongs, bowls, hookahs, pipes, and scales), which is used to facilitate or intended or designed to facilitate a violation of the Student Code of Conduct drug policy, and

WHEREAS, the misuse and abuse of illegal drugs is in direct conflict with the goals and objectives Virginia Tech, and

WHEREAS, the Student Conduct staff deals with numerous drug paraphernalia conduct referrals from various law enforcement agencies, and

WHEREAS, under current policy the Student Conduct staff is unable to address this behavior,

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Policy # 8300, Student Code of Conduct –Drug Policy be amended as follows:

Student Code of Conduct – Drugs

Drugs - Possession, use, manufacture (synthesis or growth), possession with intent to manufacture, sale, dispensation, or distribution of any illegal drugs or substances controlled under state or federal law. Possession of used or unused drug paraphernalia is also prohibited (unless there is a documented medical need).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution for changes to University Policies for Student Life: Modifications to the Drug Policy for Student Code of Conduct be approved.

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