Area Admissions Review Systems

Each academic unit—the College, graduate divisions, professional schools, and the Graham School of General Studies—has written procedures for addressing misconduct involving a student who has accepted admission but who has not yet assumed the role of a student at the University. Those procedures may be obtained from the academic unit or from the Office of Campus and Student Life. The unit-specific procedures follow the outline of the procedures described below, with variations that reflect the values and educational goals of the specific academic unit.

DIVINITY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REVIEW SYSTEM

Authority to defer or revoke admission before matriculation rests with the Divinity School Admission Review Committee, composed of the senior admissions officer (Dean of Students in the Divinity School), the Dean of the Divinity School (or his or her designee), and a representative from Campus and Student Life. Admission may be deferred or revoked for fraud, misrepresentation, material omission of fact, dishonesty, violation of University standards in the application for admission, violation of University academic standards, or any other pre-matriculation misconduct.

Generally, the person bringing the allegation of misconduct first will discuss the allegation with the Dean of Students in the Divinity School (or his or her designee). If the complainant is the Dean of Students, the Dean of the Divinity will designate someone to serve as the senior admissions officer in these proceedings. The complainant must maintain the strict confidentiality of the allegation of misconduct. The Dean of Students (or the designee) will notify the admitted student of the alleged infraction and request a prompt written response to the allegation. Based on the inquiry and in consultation with the Vice President for Campus and Student Life/Dean of Students in the University (or his or her designee), the senior admissions officer has the discretion and authority to dismiss the complaint, resolve the complaint informally with the parties, or refer the complaint to the area Admission Review Committee.

If convened, the area Admission Review Committee will examine expeditiously the facts related to the allegation and the response. In its discretion, the area Admission Review Committee may seek additional information from others with knowledge about the alleged misconduct and may ask the admitted student and/or others to answer specific questions or meet with the committee. The area Admission Review Committee will determine the appropriate institutional action and/or discipline, including but not limited to withdrawal of admission, deferral of matriculation, public service, etc. Matriculation may be delayed so that the area Admission Review Committee may complete its investigation and make a decision. The decision of the area Admission Review Committee is final and unreviewable within the University.