## Middle Tennessee State University Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services June 7, 2014-June19, 2015

## **Total Number of Disciplinary Cases: 615**

A **disciplinary case** is defined as a student or organization that has been charged with a disciplinary offense. The case number does not reflect the total number of disciplinary referrals made to the office. One student may have multiple cases and one case may have multiple violations.

The following data presents a synopsis of the breakdown by gender and classification of the students who had discipline cases with the Office of Judicial Affairs & Mediation Services during the specified time period.

<u>Gender</u> Male	<u>Total</u> 382	<u>%</u> 62.1	<u>Classification</u> Freshman	<u>Total</u> 235	<u>%</u> 38.9
Female	222	36.1	Sophomore	157	26
Organization	11	1.8	Junior	77	12.8
			Senior	105	17.4
			Graduate	18	3
			Unknown	12	1.9

The following chart presents the number of violation types the office adjudicated. The violation type total number reflects the total number of times this violation was assigned to a student. The total number does not reflect how many times the student was found in violation of that specific rule. The total number of violation types will exceed the total number of disciplinary cases handled by the office. One student may have multiple violation types within one disciplinary case. The percentage reflects the percentage of the total number of all violations.

Violation Type:	Total Number:	Percentage:
Conduct Dangerous to Others	128	10.8
Hazing	24	2
Disorderly Conduct	54	4.6
Obstruction/Interference with activities/ facilities	8	0.7
Misuse or Damage to Property	13	1.1
Theft, Misappropriation, Unauthorized Sale	7	0.6
Misuse of Documents/ID Cards	8	0.7

Firearms & Other Dangerous Weapons	9	0.8
Explosives, Fireworks, and Flammable Materials	0	0
Alcoholic Beverages	77	6.5
Drugs	104	8.8
Drug Paraphernalia	54	4.6
Public Intoxication	96	8.1
Gambling	0	0
Financial Irresponsibility	0	0
Unacceptable Conduct in Disciplinary Proceedings	3	0.3
Failure to Cooperative with Institutional Officials	55	4.7
Violation of General Rules and Regulations	76	6.4
Attempts, Aiding, and Abetting	112	9.5
Violation of State/Federal Laws	6	0.5
Violation of Imposed Disciplinary Sanctions	16	1.4
Sexual Battery/Rape	0	0
Harassment or Retaliation	1	0.1
Academic Misconduct	260	22
Unauthorized Duplication or Possession of Keys	0	0
Litter	0	0
Pornography	2	0.2
Abuse of Computer Resources	2	0.2
Unauthorized Access to Facilities/Grounds	8	0.7
Providing False Information	42	3.6
Unauthorized Surveillance	0	0
Smoking Violations	6	0.5
Fire Drills	0	0
Motor Vehicles	5	0.4
Sirens and Loudspeakers	0	0
Student ID Cards	4	0.3
Sexual Misconduct	2	0.2
Graffiti	0	0

Sanction Type:	Total Number:	
Restitution	6	0.7
Fines	0	0
Verbal Warning	20	2.4
Written Reprimand	155	18.9
Educational Sanction (comm. service, counseling, etc.)	136	16.6
Parental Notification	66	8
Housing Probation	52	6.3
Disciplinary Probation (includes tenure & developmental)	268	32.6
Removal of Privileges/ Restriction	87	10.6
No Contact	12	1.5
Suspension	18	2.2
Expulsion	1	0.1
Revocation of Admission and/ or Degree	0	0
Withholding Degree	0	0

\*\*\*The statistics contained in this report represent disciplinary cases adjudicated by the Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services for the time period indicated. Formal charges may have also been filed with the MTSU police department and/or the Department of Housing and Residential Life. It is possible that a single violation may appear in reports from all three departments. Disciplinary matters that were adjudicated solely by the Department of Housing and Residential Life are not reflected in these statistics.

## Noteworthy Observations

Compared to the previous academic year:

- The incidence of "Academic Misconduct" continues to be above 200 cases per year. This year is the second year (first full year) of Academic Misconduct being under the Provost's Office and there is an increase in cases from the previous year. It remains the most violated policy.
- Freshman and sophomores continue to account for the majority of students seen in the office. Males continue to be referred more often than females.
- Organizational referrals were down slightly, speculatively due to less fraternities residing on campus. The number of fraternities at MTSU remains the same, but more are opting to reside off campus. While low level policy violations are slightly less, serious organizational infractions continue to persist as consistent rates.
- Cases involving "Drugs" continue to increase and were higher than the previous year.
- We continue to see multiple drug policy violations resulting in the removal of students from the residence halls, despite the fact that students are made aware that Housing & Residential Life has a zero-tolerance drug policy.

## Educational Outreach

The Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services conducted close to 50 educational presentations for the time period specified. The office did educational presentations for University 1010 classes, CUSTOMS staff, athletics, the Greek community, study abroad students, graduate teaching assistants, the Scholar's Academy, faculty members, and special student populations.