Name of Policy: Amnesty

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Approving Officer: President

Responsible Agent: The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards

Scope: All Students of the University of Toledo

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☐ New policy proposal ☒ Minor/technical revision of existing policy
☐ Major revision of existing policy ☐ Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy statement

The University of Toledo (UT) strives to maintain a balance between student support and accountability. UT believes in addressing student health concerns directly, and confronting dangerous behaviors, but also encouraging students to seek help in situations where their own, or another student’s health is endangered. As such, a student who seeks medical attention on behalf of themselves or another individual experiencing an alcohol and/or drug related emergency, will not be subject to conduct action for the alcohol and/or drug use under the Student Code of Conduct if the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSC&CS) becomes aware of the alcohol and/or drug use solely because the individual(s) sought medical attention. Student(s) involved in reported incidents of sexual misconduct may also receive Amnesty for the alcohol and/or drug violation(s) only. Amnesty is only granted to individual students, not student groups and/or student organizations.

(B) Purpose of policy

UT is committed to promoting a safe and healthy environment for all students, and wants students to feel confident they can make the right decision if there is an alcohol or drug related incident.

(C) Procedure

UT students who are granted Amnesty are required to meet with a Staff Member from the OSC&CS. During this meeting, the OSC&CS Staff Member will discuss the situation with the student, and provide them with appropriate resources. After the meeting, the OSC&CS Staff Member will have the student complete an assessment or counseling center screening for possible referral for treatment. Failure to attend this meeting, or follow through with the
recommends from the OSC&CS Staff Member will result in the student losing the opportunity for amnesty, and the incident being processed as a normal student conduct case. Even though conduct action may be waived due to the student receiving Amnesty, the OSC&CS will notify the appropriate parent/guardian of the incident.

Although a record of the incident will be kept on file, and used as prior conduct history should subsequent student conduct matters occur, it will not go on the student’s educational record, and the file will be maintained in accordance with Student Conduct Records (per The Student Code of Conduct, Policy 3364-30-04).

The Associate Dean of Students & Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards will make decisions whether to grant Amnesty. The availability of Amnesty for students with repetitive or severe violations will be determined on a case by case basis.

(1) Amnesty may be granted to UT students who initiate and seek assistance and/or treatment on behalf of themselves, or another individual. Amnesty for alcohol and/or drug violation(s) may also be granted to student(s) involved in reported incidents of sexual misconduct.

(2) If a representative from a student group/student organization calls for medical assistance, the student group/student organization will not receive Amnesty. However, this act of responsibility will be considered when sanctioning for policy violations.

(3) This policy is only applicable to the UT Student Code of Conduct, and does not preclude law enforcement agencies from enforcing the law.

(4) The Amnesty Policy applies to emergencies related to alcohol and drug use, and is not applicable to other prohibited behavior(s). Other prohibited behavior(s) will be handled using the appropriate UT Policy.
Approved By:

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Date

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