



Offer of a Summary Jurisdiction meeting

A Guide for Students

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Definition:

This information leaflet is provided to students of the University of Waikato who are the subject of complaint of misconduct under the Student Discipline Regulations and who have been advised that they will be offered a Summary Jurisdiction hearing at a meeting with the Chairperson of the Student Discipline Committee.

The Student Discipline Regulations 2012, Part 1, define summary jurisdiction as “a process for dealing with a complaint of misconduct, where a designated person has authority, individually, to obtain and hear evidence, arrive at a judgement, and, within the terms of that authority as defined in these regulations, impose a penalty.” (*University of Waikato Calendar*)

Procedure:

A Summary Jurisdiction hearing is when the Chairperson of the Student Discipline Committee hears a case by him or herself. The Chairperson will discuss the complaint with you and the evidence provided in support of the complaint. She or he will then make the necessary decisions. These decisions are:

- a) Are you guilty or not guilty of misconduct as defined in the Student Discipline Regulations?
- b) If so, should there be a penalty; and
- c) If so, what penalty or penalties should apply. The penalties that may be applied are listed in the Student Discipline Regulations 2012, section 14(6) (*University of Waikato Calendar*).

Choice:

At the meeting the Chairperson will check that you understand that you can make the choice between a Summary Jurisdiction hearing and a Student Discipline Committee meeting and will then ask if you accept the offer of Summary Jurisdiction. She or he may ask if you have studied this leaflet. If you accept, the Summary Jurisdiction hearing will then proceed.

If you do not choose a Summary Jurisdiction hearing, the alternative is a hearing before the Student Discipline Committee and includes the Chairperson of the Committee, two academic staff and two students chosen by the University. Student Discipline Committee meetings are more formal with evidence and submissions in writing, and a range of penalties similar to those available under Summary Jurisdiction but stronger in some respects. If you decline the offer of a Summary Jurisdiction hearing, a Student Discipline Committee hearing will be scheduled for about two or three weeks later.

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