

## 515.0 - Hazing

### Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, Pub. L. No. 118-173.

### Policy:

BSC prohibits students, athletic teams, student groups and organizations and their members from engaging individually or collectively in hazing activities. The College promotes safety and accountability in its efforts to prevent and respond to reports of hazing that occur on and off campus.

### Definitions:

**Athletic Team** – An officially recognized sports team, club sport, or other organized group of student-athletes representing BSC in competitive or recreational athletic activities. This includes, but is not limited to, varsity, junior varsity, intramural, and club teams, as well as any affiliated groups participating in team-related events, training, or activities under BSC's oversight.

**Group** - A group consists of two or more individuals who are associated with the College and each other, but who have not registered, or are not required to register, as a student organization (including but not limited to athletic teams, musical or theatrical ensembles, academic or administrative units, and clubs not registered as student organizations).

**Hazing** - Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

1. is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
2. causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including:
  - a. whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;

- b. causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
- c. causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
- d. causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
- e. any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
- f. any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law;
- g. any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and
- h. Any behavior described in NDCC Chapter [12.1-17-10](#).

**Student** - Any person taking courses at BSC, both full-time and part-time, credit and non-credit. Persons who are not officially enrolled and have a continuing academic relationship with the College are considered students.

**Student Organization** - An organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution.

**References:**

[Stop Campus Hazing Act - Public Law 118-173](#)  
[North Dakota Century Code Chapter 12.1-17-10](#)

**History of This Policy:**

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