

Zhejiang University Regulations for Dealing with Student

Disciplinary Offences (Excerpts)

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Chapter One

General Principles

I. In order to maintain good education order and an optimal living and learning environment, to create a harmonious campus and to inculcate in students self discipline and conformity to laws and regulations, the regulations are formulated herein by Zhejiang University in accordance with the “Higher Education Law of the People's Republic of China”, the “Code of Conduct for University Students” and “Regulations for University Student Management”, as well as the practicalities at Zhejiang University.

II. The Regulations are applicable to registered full-time undergraduate and graduate students of Zhejiang University. Disciplinary actions concerning students of other types shall be imposed with reference to this document.

III. To impose disciplinary actions, the university shall strictly follow legitimate procedures, collect adequate evidence, and seek accuracy in determining the nature and seriousness of an offence and appropriateness in making decisions. Principles to be followed in dealing with students disciplinary offences also include justice, openness and fairness; combining punishment with education; ensuring students' right to appeal.

Chapter Two

Types of Disciplinary Actions and their Applicability

IV. Types of Disciplinary Actions:

- (I) Warning;
- (II) Serious Warning;
- (III) Demerit;
- (IV) Probation;
- (V) Expulsion

V. More severe actions shall be imposed for cases that fall into any of the following categories:

- (I) deliberate hampering of investigation or obstructing the collection of evidence;
- (II) Over two disciplinary offences have been committed by a single individual;
- (III) Having previous experience of receiving punitive actions at the university;
- (IV) Threatening or taking revenge on someone who gives the information about the offence or serves as witnesses, investigators, etc.;
- (V) Play a leading role in a group disciplinary offence;
- (VI) Organizing group disciplinary offences;
- (VII) Offences with extraordinarily severe consequences.

VI. Mild actions will be taken for the following cases:

- (I) Offences those are not actually committed;
- (II) During investigation, the offender tells the facts about the offence truthfully and shows deep regret for the offence;

VII. More lenient actions shall be taken for cases that fall into any of the following categories:

(I) Voluntarily informing the university department about one's own offence, or voluntarily providing facts about one's own offence that are not yet known to the university department during investigation;

(II) Voluntarily providing truthful facts about others' offences unknown to the university;

(III) Voluntarily stopping misconducts or taking measures to mitigate the consequences of the offence;

(IV) Committing offences as a result of others' threat or inveiglement;

VIII. If a student is verified by legal procedures to have committed an offence when he/she was not able to identify or control his/her own behavior, he/she will not face disciplinary actions. But such students will be told to suspend or withdraw from normal studies in accordance with relevant regulations on students' status management. If a student has committed an offence when he/she was not able to totally identify or control his/her own behavior, he/she will receive mild or light

punitive actions.

IX. (N/A)

Chapter Three

Disciplinary Offences and Punitive Actions

X. Violations of basic constitutional principles; organizing, planning and stirring up trouble or disturbing social order; threatening national security; organizing unlawful assemblies or demonstrations; joining in illegal organizations and engaging in their illegal activities; illegal religious mission or mis-using religions to disrupt social order, harm people's health, interfere with the national education system; subverting stability and unity. Students who have committed the above -mentioned offences shall face punitive actions as explained in the following (I) and (II) respectively:

(I) Students who have committed minor offences shall be given a Demerit or be put on Probation;

(II) Students who have committed serious offences with grave consequences or have committed repeated offences with no intention to change shall be expelled from the university.

XI. Punitive Actions for those who have violated laws and therefore been prosecuted for criminal liability or those who have been punished for disturbing public security:

(I) For students who have been given a Warning or those who have been told to pay a Fine by the Public Security, a “Serious Warning” or above shall be given according to the severity of the offence;

(II) For students that are held in custody for violating public security rules or those who have committed criminal offences but have been exempted from criminal penalties, a Demerit record or above shall be filed;

(III) For students sentenced by the judicial authority to restriction of freedom, detention or subjected to accessory punishment, or sentenced to the fixterm imprisonment with reprieve, punitive actions of Probation or Expulsion shall be imposed; for students sentenced to the fix-term imprisonment and above, the action of

Expulsion shall be imposed. For students who have already been punished by the university prior to his or her prosecution for criminal liability or penalties for violating public security rules for the same offence, and if the punitive actions taken by the university needs to be adjusted for being obviously too lenient or severe, the original punitive actions shall be withdrawn and new ones shall be imposed according to the relevant provisions of this document.

XII. Students who do harm to the development of harmonious campuses or disrupt social order shall be subject to following punitive actions based on the severity of their offences:

(I) For damaging public utilities, lawns, public sanitation or any other violations of the university 's regulations on the management of public locations, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Warning to Probation;

(II) For unauthorized use of electricity, fire, hazardous equipment or any other behavior that is likely to threaten public safety, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Warning to Probation;

(III) For deliberately hindering university staff from exercising their duties, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Serious Warning to Probation;

(IV) For causing disturbances, throwing and smashing objects on university premises or any other actions that severely disrupt others' studies or life, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Serious Warning to Probation;

(V) For causing disturbances after excessive drinking, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Warning to Probation based on the severity of the offence;

(VI) For making public or university emergency calls for malicious purposes, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Warning to Probation;

(VII) For making up and spreading rumors or fabricating information, making false statements, distorting facts and the like, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Warning to Probation;

(VIII) For taking objects prohibited by China's laws into the university, storing or using on campus without authorization highly toxic, inflammable, explosive, corrosive, radioactive, contagious, bacteria/virus materials or any other objects

prohibited by China's laws, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Warning to Probation;

(IX) For violation of dormitory regulations, staying over in the dormitory of the opposite sex, letting outsiders and students of the opposite sex linger or stay in the dormitory, punishment will range from Warning to Serious Warning.

(X) For any violations of the university moral standards, punitive actions to be imposed shall range from Warning to Probation.

XIII. For organizing profit -making activities or setting up unauthorized stalls on university premises:

(I) For organizing tourism business or serving as travel agencies without permission from the university, the punitive action to be imposed shall be Warning or Serious Warning; for activities like this that have caused disturbance or with severe consequences, the punitive actions shall be Demerit and Probation respectively;

(II) For setting up stalls or organizing profit-making activities without the university's permission, punitive actions shall be Warning or Serious Warning; for repeated offences or those activities with severe consequences, Demerit or Probation;

(III) For posting or distributing commercial promotional materials without permission, punitive actions shall range from Warning to Demerit if the offender does not follow the dissuasion of the university staff and stop the activities;

XIV. Punitive actions to be imposed for illegally taking for possession public or personal property by any means:

(I) For stealing property worth less than RMB 600 yuan, the punitive actions shall be Warning or Serious Warning; for stealing property worth more than RMB 600 yuan but less than RMB 2000 yuan, the actions shall be Demerit; for such offences involving more than RMB 2000 yuan, the actions shall be Probation and above;

(II) For swindling public or personal property worth less than RMB 4000 yuan, illegally taking for possession public or personal property worth less than RMB 15000 yuan, snatching public or personal property worth less than RMB 600 yuan, extorting public or personal property worth less than RMB 4000 yuan, punitive actions shall range from Warning to Probation;

(III) For stealing official seals, confidential documents, files and the like, the punitive action shall be Probation or Expulsion, depending on the severity of the offence;

(IV) For illegally taking for possession rightful public or personal property by any means, punitive actions shall range from Warning to Probation, depending on the severity of the offence. For providing information, assistance or tools for disciplinary offences, covering up facts of the offences, or hiding stolen goods for others, punitive actions shall range from Warning to Probation.

XV. For damage done to public or private properties:

(I) For unintentionally doing rather severe damage to public or personal property, the punitive action shall be Warning or Serious Warning in addition to compensation for the losses;

(II) For deliberately damaging public or personal property, the punitive actions shall range from Warning to Demerit in addition to compensation for the losses depending on the severity of the offence and the damage caused;

(III) For severe offences with grave consequences, the punitive action shall be Probation or Expulsion.

XVI. For causing disturbances, assaulting and physical fighting:

(I) For provoking others through verbal insults or other methods into physical fighting, the punitive action shall be Warning;

(II) For assaulting others with no or slight injuries, the punitive action shall be Serious Warning or Demerit; for assaults causing minor injuries, Probation; for those causing serious injuries, Expulsion;

(III) For plotting, instigating physical fights with no consequences, the punitive action shall be Serious Warning or Demerit; if with consequences, the punitive action shall be Demerit or Probation depending on the severity of the offence;

(IV) For providing others with fighting tools, if no injury is caused, the punitive action shall be Serious Warning or Demerit; if any injury is caused, Probation;

(V) For other types of involvement in offences of physical fighting, the punitive actions shall range from Warning to Demerit depending on the severity of the offences.

Severe punitive actions shall be imposed for group physical fights.

XVII. For gambling or disguised gambling, or providing places, fund, or devices for gambling, the punitive actions for the first offence shall range from Warning to Demerit; for repeated offences Probation or Expulsion.

XVIII. For creating, copying, spreading pornographic, superstitious and other harmful materials or organizing group showing of such materials, punitive actions shall range from Serious Warning to Probation depending on the severity of the offence.

XIX. For drug abuse, punitive actions shall be Probation or Expulsion depending on the severity of the offence.

XX. (N/A)

XXI. For violation of state or school fire control laws and regulations, or unauthorized use or damaging of firefighting equipment, punitive actions of Warning or Serious Warning shall be imposed in addition to compensation for the losses; for such offences that cause a fire alarm, Demerit or Probation shall be imposed in addition to compensation for the losses; for such offences that cause a fire, Probation or Expulsion shall be imposed in addition of compensation for the losses.

XXII. For violating, damaging others' legitimate interest and personal safety; doing damage to China's national or collective interest:

(I) For unauthorized use of the identities of organizations or other individuals for personal interest:

1. For unauthorized use of the identities of organizations or other individuals for one's personal interest, punitive actions shall range between Serious Warning and Probation in addition to compensation for the losses;

2. For unauthorized use of others' identities to claim their money or properties, punitive actions of Demerit or Probation shall be imposed in addition to the return of the money or property that has been claimed;

(II) For forging and selling certificates, seals and supporting documents or materials, or using other illegitimate methods for one's personal interest, punitive actions shall be Serious Warning or Demerit; for severe offences, Probation or

Expulsion;

(III) For maliciously harassing, intimidating, threatening others, punitive actions shall range from Serious Warning to Probation;

(IV) For malicious insults, calumnies, framing or false accusations aimed to damage others' reputations, punitive actions shall range from Serious Warning to Probation;

(V) For concealing, intercepting, destroying or opening other's letters or telegrams with no authorization, punitive actions shall range from Serious Warning to Probation;

(VI) (N/A)

XXIII. Network Offences:

(I) For unauthorized use of others' network account and/or passwords, punitive actions shall range from Warning to Demerit depending on the severity of the offences;

(II) For using university network to seek illegal gains, punitive actions shall be Serious Warning or Demerit;

(III) For deliberately creating and spreading computer viruses, spamming emails, the punitive action shall be Serious Warning or Demerit;

(IV) For deliberately insulting or calumniating others or releasing others' private matters over the net, punitive actions shall range from Serious Warning to Probation;

(V) For instigating unlawful demonstrations or assemblies via network and the like, the punitive action shall be Warning or Serious Warning; for such offences with severe consequences, punitive actions shall be Demerit or Probation;

(VI) For damaging the safety system of the university network, attacking or damaging the service facilities of the public network, accessing the network system without authorization, stealing or falsifying data, or doing damage to the public information system, the punitive action shall be Probation; for such offences with destructive effects on the network or the management system, Expulsion.

XXIV. Perjurer:

(I) For providing false or misleading testimony as a witness of an offence to

cause complications for the investigation, punitive actions shall range from Warning to Demerit;

(II) For deliberately providing false or misleading testimony as a participant in an offence, severe punitive actions shall be imposed.

XXV. For offences including violations of the education regulations, absenteeism, or leaving the school without permission or evading the educational practice arrangement without authorization, the following rules on punitive actions shall be followed:

(I) For the time of offence totaling between 3 days and 1 week, the punitive action to be imposed shall be Warning;

(II) For that totaling between 1 and 2 weeks, Serious Warning;

(III) For that totaling between 2 and 3 weeks, Demerit;

(IV) For that totaling over 3 weeks, Probation;

XXVI. For violations of examination regulations:

(I) Behavior that falls into any of the following categories shall be deemed as violations of examination regulations, for which the punitive action to be imposed shall be Warning or Serious Warning depending on the severity of the violations:

1. Carrying into examination locations objects irrelevant to the exams without placing them in the designated places;

2. Failure to follow the seating arrangement when taking the exam;

3. Starting to do the test before the starting signal is given or continuing to do it after the ending signal is given;

4. Side-glance, whispering, signaling and gesticulating during the exam;

5. Making noises at the prohibited area of the examination location and disrupting the exam order;

6. Leaving the examination location during the exam without the supervisors' permission;

7. Taking exam papers, answer sheets, scratch paper, etc. out of the examination location;

8. Answering with pen or paper that are not allowed by regulations; writing the

names, exam numbers in areas on the exam paper that are not allowed by regulations, or making other message-carrying marks on the answer sheet;

9. Taking forbidden materials or tools into the examination location during an open-book exam;

10. Other behavior in violation of examination regulations that are not deemed as cheating.

(II) Behavior that falls into any of the following categories shall be deemed as cheating, for which the punitive action of Demerit shall be imposed:

1. Taking exam-related text materials or electronic devices stored with exam related information into the location for a close-book exam;

2. Writing any exam-related words or making any exam-related symbols on the exam desk or one's body;

3. Unauthorized use of electronic or communication devices;

4. Copying other's paper or exam-related materials;

5. Deliberately letting others copy one's own exam paper or exam-related materials;

6. Comparing each other's answers, or passing notes, exam papers, answer sheets and scratch papers without the supervisors' permission of instruction;

7. Snatching or stealing other's exam papers or answer sheets, or forcing others to provide convenience for copying;

8. Leaving examination location temporarily for the purpose of obtaining answers;

9. Giving all answers exactly the same as those on the answer sheet of another examinee during the same course examination in the same location;

10. Cheating by any other means.

(III) Any of the following behaviors should be deemed as cheating, punishment will be Probation or Expulsion depending on the severity of the offence: Behavior that falls into any of the following categories shall be deemed as cheating, for which the punitive action of Probation or Expulsion shall be imposed depending on the severity of the offences:

1. Using communication equipment or other devices to send and receive exam related data;
2. Taking an exam in another person's name or having one's own exam taken by someone else;
3. Organizing cheating;
4. Stealing exam papers;
5. Falsifying scores;
6. Having violated exam regulations or committed cheating for over two times.

XXVII. Misconduct in scientific research shall be punished with the following rules: for slight violation of the research norm, the punitive action to be imposed shall be Serious Warning; for minor violations, Demerit or Probation; for serious violations, Expulsion.

XXVIII. For repeated violation of university regulations, the punitive action to be imposed shall be Expulsion if previous disciplinary actions imposed on the offender have proved no effect.

XXIX. The duration of Probation shall be 6 months or 1 year. Students on probation can have the punitive action removed when the probation period is over if they show significant improvement during the probation; they may also have their Probation status cancelled ahead of the schedule if they perform extremely well during probation. Students on probation continue to violate the same university regulations or commit other offences shall be expelled. Graduating students with less than 6 months before graduation shall have the punitive action of Demerit imposed on them instead of Probation, even though the latter is more appropriate for the offence. Such graduating students shall not be granted diplomas, but a Course-Completion Certificate shall be given to them.

(If the student has significant improvement or perform extremely well in the year after obtaining employment, he/she can be granted a Diploma with the employer's verification and the university's approval).