

UMass Dartmouth
STUDENT JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Conduct Board/Appellate Board Information

The following materials have been compiled to assist students seeking application to either the Judicial Conduct Board or the University Appellate Board for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Description of Boards

University Judicial Conduct Board – Composed of students, faculty and administrative staff and hears cases that occur on or off campus, in the residential areas, etc.

University Appellate Board - Composed of students, faculty and administrative staff and reviews appeals for cases heard by judicial officers or the judicial conduct board.

Responsibilities of Board Members

1. All members of all conduct boards must participate in all training offered by Student Judicial Affairs, and all meetings of their specific conduct board. Normally this will consist of an intensive training required of all members and on-going development sessions.
2. No member of a board will be permitted to hear cases without attending all of the required training.
3. Members are expected to attend all scheduled hearings and conferences to which they are assigned unless alternate arrangements are made with the Coordinator for Student Judicial Affairs or their respective board advisor.
4. Board members may not be involved in cases in which they cannot be impartial. Board members will not participate in cases where they have any personal interest or knowledge or if they are personally acquainted with any party.
5. The names of all parties in a case and information pertaining to the case, whether pending or complete, shall not be revealed to any other person other than other board members responsible for reviewing the case or University employees designated as participants in the University conduct system.

Qualifications, Appointment and Term of Office

1. Applicants must meet the following qualifications: (a) satisfactory academic progress as defined by the University, (b) not currently on any disciplinary status.
2. Applications will be screened by Student Judicial Affairs.
3. Appointments will be made by the Coordinator for Student Judicial Affairs (or designee) and shall be for the academic year. Appointments will be contingent upon a group screening/interview and the recommendation of Student Judicial Affairs.
4. Students may be re-appointed to provide for operational continuity.
5. If a member of a conduct board resigns or is unable to perform his/her duties for a prolonged period of time, the Coordinator for Student Judicial Affairs may designate a replacement on a permanent basis.
6. A member formally charged with a violation of the Conduct Code may be temporarily relieved of his/her judicial responsibilities pending the outcome of an investigation of the complaint by Student Judicial Affairs.

Application Process

1. Candidates for the University Conduct, and Appellate Boards must complete and submit an application to Student Judicial Affairs.
2. Candidates will be screened through an interview process by Student Judicial Affairs.

