

**Middle Tennessee State University
Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services
May 1, 2007 – May 11, 2008**

**Total Number of Disciplinary Cases: 629
(Summer 2007: 63; Fall 2007: 307; Spring 2008: 259)**

A **disciplinary case** is defined as a student or organization that has been charged with a disciplinary offense. The case number does not reflect the total number of disciplinary referrals made to the office. One student may have multiple cases.

The following data presents a synopsis of the breakdown by gender and classification of the students who had discipline cases with the Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services during the specified time period.

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Male	438	69.6	Freshman	344	54.7
Female	178	28.6	Sophomore	137	21.7
Organization	13	2.1	Junior	49	7.8
			Senior	77	12.2
			Graduate	9	1.4

The following data presents a synopsis of the case decisions made and the methods of adjudication used during the specified time period.

<u>Decision</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Hearing Body</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Responsible	404	64.2	Administrative	534	86.1
Not Responsible	132	21	Disc. Committee	11	1.7
			TUAPA	2	.3
Dismissed	23	3.7	Mediation	0	0
Unresolved	70	11.1	SJB	9	1.4
			Pending	73	11.8

The following chart presents the number of violation types the office adjudicated. The violation type total number reflects the total number of times this violation was assigned to a student. The total number does not reflect how many times the student was found in violation of that specific rule. The total number of violation types will exceed the total number of disciplinary cases handled by the office. One student may have multiple violation types within one disciplinary case. The percentage reflects the percentage of the total number of all violations.

Violation Type:	Total Number:	Percentage:
Conduct Dangerous to Self/Others	126	9.5
Hazing	3	.2
Disorderly Conduct	62	4.7
Obstruction/Interference with activities	3	.2
Misuse or Damage to Property	35	2.6
Theft, Misappropriation, Unauthorized Sale	40	3
Misuse of Documents/ID Cards	27	2
Firearms & Other Dangerous Weapons	26	1.9
Explosives, Fireworks	0	0
Public Intoxication	212	16
Alcoholic Beverages	162	12.2
Drugs	109	8.2
Drug Paraphernalia	71	5.4
Gambling	0	0
Financial Irresponsibility	2	.15
Abuse of the Judicial System	3	.2
Failure to Comply with Directives	28	2.1
Academic Misconduct	126	9.5
Sexual Battery/Rape	2	.15
Violation of General Rules and Regulations	95	7.2
Attempts/Aiding/Abetting Offenses	54	4.1

Violation of State/Federal Laws	0	0
Advertisement Flyers/Brochures	1	.07
Unauthorized Possession of Keys	0	0
Fire Drills	0	0
Litter	3	.2
Motor Vehicles	26	1.9
Pornography	4	.3
Sirens and Loudspeakers	0	0
Student ID Cards	0	0
Sexual Misconduct	4	.3
Graffiti	0	0
Abuse of Computer Resources	71	5.4
Unauthorized Access to Facilities/Grounds	11	.8
Providing False Information	21	1.6
Unauthorized Surveillance	0	0

***The statistics contained in this report represent disciplinary cases adjudicated by the Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services for the time period indicated. Formal charges may have also been filed with the MTSU police department and/or the Department of Housing and Residential Life. It is possible that a single violation may appear in reports from all three departments. Disciplinary matters that were adjudicated solely by the Department of Housing and Residential Life are not reflected in these statistics.

Noteworthy Observations

Compared to the previous academic year, 2006-2007:

- The office saw an increase in total number of cases by 214 total cases.
- The percentage of cases resulting in a finding of not responsible rose from 7.6% to 21% of total findings.
- The incidence of “Conduct Dangerous to Self/Others” violation types rose from 20 to 126 total violations.
- The incidence of “Public Intoxication” violation types rose from 98 to 212 total violations.
- The incidence of “Alcoholic Beverages” violation types rose from 94 to 162 total violations.
- The incidence of “Drugs” violation types rose from 63 to 109 total violations.

- The incidence of “Drug Paraphernalia” violation types rose from 46 to 71 total violations.
- The incidence of “Abuse of Computing Resources” violation types rose from 2 to 71 total violations.
- The incidence of “Academic Misconduct” decreased slightly from 126 to 110 total violations.
- Violations involving alcohol and/or drugs comprised approximately 42% of all violations.

Educational Outreach

The Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services conducted a total of 70 educational presentations for the time period specified. The office did educational presentations in 34 U1010 classes and 20 Alcohol Edu classes. Other audiences included athletics, the greek community, faculty, and special student populations.

Noteworthy Observations:

- Ms. Amanda Samsel coordinated the Alcohol Edu program which will be expanded for the 2008-2009 academic year. The class is offered to first and second time alcohol offenders to educate them about alcohol use and abuse.
- Ms. Samsel recruited graduate students to teach the Alcohol Edu classes. Ms. Samsel has continued the recruitment efforts to include undergraduate students as peer educators for the 2008-2009 academic year.
- Ms. Sosh-Lightsy and Ms. Samsel presented at the 2008 ACPA conference.
- Ms. Sosh-Lightsy and Ms. Samsel presented to the U1010 faculty regarding discipline and classroom management. Dr. Gene Fitch presented to the PE faculty on the same subject.
- Ms. Sosh-Lightsy and Ms. Samsel presented to the 2007-2008 Exchange students. Plans are to expand this presentation to the international student population for the 2008-2009 academic year.