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#### INTRODUCTION

Brewton-Parker College (BPC) is committed to a policy of equal education and employment opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion, marital status, citizenship status, genetic information, veteran's status or disability.

This edition of the Student Handbook supersedes all previous editions. Students are responsible for becoming fully acquainted with the BPC College Catalog, Student Handbook and other published policies and procedures and are responsible for reading the chosen modes of communication of the college. The college reserves the right to amend, modify, clarify, or add to these documents or the rules, regulations, policies, or procedures applicable to students, and to respond to, as well as, impose sanctions based on specific situations in a matter that the administration deems appropriate under the circumstances.

#### Brewton-Parker College desires to honor Christ by striving to do all things with characteristic excellence.

Brewton-Parker College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097 {(404) 6794501} as a four-year institution to award the Associates, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. Brewton-Parker College is a coeducational institution owned by the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (GBMB). The GBMB elects a board of 30 trustees, six chosen each year for a five-year term.

The Student Handbook outlines responsibilities of students enrolled at the college. The goals of this publication are to make students aware of general policies and procedures of the College and to assist in their academic, spiritual, personal and social development. Within the student handbook, you will find guidelines and standards of personal conduct, violations, and related penalties.

Brewton-Parker College does not tolerate any known incident(s) which may produce any psychological or physical stress to any of the residents, administrators, faculty, staff, or persons affiliated with the College. BPC does not participate or tolerate any lewd sexual behavior on the college campus, which may include but is not limited to verbal, sexual, physical, or psychological harassment. While individual religion preferences and freedoms are allowed and respected, practices that ignore basic ethical principles and Standards of Conduct (defined hereafter) will not be tolerated. Any harassment based on race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion, marital status, citizenship status, genetic information, veteran's status, disability, or any other class protected under federal or state laws and regulations ("Protected Class") will not be tolerated. We ask that you please be mindful that you chose to attend a Christian College and thus our student body should adhere to Christian values. This conduct is expected on or off campus or when engaged in off-campus activities.

It is the desire of the college's administration that each student has an awesome and memorable collegiate and spiritual experience at BPC. The handbook serves as your guidebook to assist in this awesome collegiate and spiritual journey during your college career.

#### It is our expectation that students will adhere to our five Values:

Value 1: Respect for the Worth of the Individual

Value 2: Practice of Self-Discipline

Value 3: Practice of Academic Integrity

Value 4: Respect for Property and the Environment

Value 5: Respect for Community Authority

The college values are defined further in the handbook. The Division of Student Development & Success is responsible for maintaining the Student Handbook and ensuring that the information is current.

#### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT



# Brewton-Parker COLLEGE Office of the President

#### A Word from the President

The Brewton-Parker College Campus is a place where we attempt to live our Christian values in a community setting. The enclosed information is designed to provide the information students need to know for all available campus services. As a college campus, there are a number of laws and regulations that we want students to be aware of and to understand our commitment to fully comply with them. These are noted in our handbook for your convenience.

In keeping with our commitment to exemplify Christ in all that we do, we have listed our standards and the resulting consequences for various violations. Our motives are always redemptive, but actions that violate BPC values must be addressed. This handbook cannot account for the uniqueness of every situation. Students often do not have full information about why certain actions receive certain penalties. In other words, there is more to the story than they may know, and privacy requirements prevent administration from commenting on particular cases. It is important for all the BPC family to trust the process and know that there is every attempt to deal with each case according to its own merits. While we can never account for every act and every circumstance, it is hoped this handbook will add clarity to the expectations for students, staff, and faculty as we seek to exemplify Christ in every aspect of the academy.

As always, we exist to enable our students to have a transformational experience at BPC both academically and spiritually for the glory of God. Please know that faculty, staff, and administration are fully committed to this purpose and stand ready to do everything we can to assist our students and prepare them for the vocational and leadership opportunities that await them.

In His Service,

Steven F. Echols, President Brewton-Parker College

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Our Vision

Brewton-Parker College strives to honor Jesus Christ in every area of the academy.

#### Our Mission

As a comprehensive Georgia Baptist Institution, Brewton-Parker College provides liberal arts and professional programs in a learning community of shared Christian values. Through the application of biblical truth in scholarship and a co-curricular focus on character, servant leadership, and cultural engagement, the college strives to provide a transformational experience that equips the whole student for lifelong learning and service in Christ.

#### Our Core Values

#### (C1) Biblically Centered Institution

Brewton-Parker College affirms The Baptist Faith and Message 2000 statement on biblical authority and adheres to the Bible as the standard and basis for a worldwide that undergirds and permeates its academic programs as well as every function of the college.

#### (C2) Spiritual and Academic Transformation

In seeking to develop the whole student, Brewton-Parker College endeavors to provide an opportunity for an academically and spiritually transformational experience that will honor the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### (C3) Practical Application

Brewton-Parker College is committed to preparing graduates for a variety of employment opportunities and for engaging a global context with a biblical worldview as ambassadors for Christ.

#### (C4) Servant Leadership

Brewton-Parker College seeks to inspire and develop servant leaders to follow the example of Jesus in self-sacrifice and service to others.

#### (C5) Characteristic Excellence

Brewton-Parker College desires to honor Christ by striving to do all things with characteristic excellence.

#### **Brewton-Parker College**

#### Quick Reference...Where to Find It!

The area code and prefix for BPC is (912) 583 unless otherwise noted.

Service(s) Needed	Who to contact	Building location/other	Phone #/ext.
Absence from class	Professor	Check syllabus	Check syllabus
Academic Services	Provost	Gates Hall	3107
Academic Success Center	ASC Director	Cook Bldg.	3258
Athletics	Athletic Director	Gym	3178
Admissions	Admissions office	Palmer Bldg.	3245
Alumni Affairs	Alumni Office	Gates Hall	3216
Campus Police	Security Office	Newton Bldg.	(912) 551-3434
Campus Nurse	Nurses Office	Math & Science Bld.	(912) 583-3139
Campus Escort	Security Office	Newton Bldg.	(912) 253-9280
Campus Pastor	Campus Pastor	Gym	3294
Change of Major	Registrar's Office	Gates Hall	3242
Chapel Attendance	Campus Pastor	Gym	3294
Counseling/Personal	College Counselor	Cadle Bldg.	(912) 423-1000
Counseling/Academics	Faculty Advisor	Check Syllabus	Check Syllabus
Disability Services	Provost	Gates Hall	3107
Email/Tech Support	Student Help desk	Jordan Bldg. room 104	3119
Enrollment	Enrollment Svcs. Office	Palmer Bldg.	3221
Fan Store	Fan Store	Phillip's Center	3203
Financial Aid	Financial Aid Office	Palmer Bldg.	3225
Café/food services	Business Office	Newton Bldg.	3290
Student Center/Activities	Student Activities	Phillip's Student Center	3208
Housing	Housing Director	Phillip's Student Center	3208
Institutional Research	Institutional Research	Gates Hall	3118

Institutional Advancement	Advancement Office	Gates Hall	3167
IT	Help Desk	Jordan Bldg.	3129
ID Cards	Security Office	Newton Building	3218
Library	Director of Library Services	Fountain New Library	3230
Lost and Found	Post Office	Phillip's Student Center	3203
Maintenance	Plant Operations	Salter Bldg.	3281
Meal Plan	Student Development	Phillip's Student Center	3297
Orientation	Student Development	Palmer Bldg.	3208
Parking Decals	Security Office	Newton Bldg.	3218
Payment of Fees	Student Accounts	Newton Bldg.	3288
Post Office/Mail	Post Office	Phillip's Student Center	3246
President's Office	Assistant to the President	Gates Hall	3202
Recreation/game room	Student Activities	Phillip's Student Center	3208
Registration	Registrar's Office	Gates Hall	3242
Refunds	Business Office	Newton Bldg.	3288
Scheduling of campus use of rooms	Assistant to the President	Gates Hall	3202
Schedule Change	Registrar's Office	Gates Hall	3242
Student Activities/Life	Student Activities Director	Phillip's Student Center	3208
Student Conduct	AVP Student Development	Cook Bldg.	3260
Student Council	Student Activities Director	Phillip's Student Center	3208
Student Records/Transcripts	Registrar's Office	Gates Hall	3242
Student Services	AVP Student Development	Cook Bldg.	3260
Veteran Affairs	VP Enrollment	Palmer Bldg.	3221
	Services or AVP Student Development	Cook Bldg.	3260

Withdrawal from courses	Registrar's Office	Gates Hall	3242
Withdrawal from college	Registrar's Office AVP Student	Gates Hall Cook Bldg.	3242 3260
	Development	Ŭ.	

For further information relating to BPC Policies and procedures on any of the above or other concerns not covered in this directory, please refer to the college catalog.

#### President's Cabinet

Dr. Steven F. Echols, President

Dr. Robert Brian, Provost, Sr. Vice President

Dr. Nicole Shepard, Vice President Business and Finance

Mr. Chris Dooley, Vice President, Enrollment Services and Athletics

Dr. Beverly Robinson, Vice President, Student Success and Diversity Engagement

Ms. Lynn Addison, Associate Provost, External Programs

Mr. Madison Herrin, Associate Vice President for Student Development

#### Location of Campus

Brewton-Parker College is centrally located in Mt. Vernon, Montgomery County, Georgia.

College Address: 201 David-Eliza Fountain Circle

Mt. Vernon, Georgia 30445

College Colors Blue and Orange

Mascot Baron

#### College Operations

Area	Days of Operation	Time(s)
Campus Operating Hours	Monday - Thursday	8 – 6PM
	Friday	8-12 noon
Academic Success Center	Monday - Thursday	8-6PM
	Friday	8-12 Noon
Food Services	Monday - Thursday	Breakfast 7-9:30AM; Lunch 11-2PM; Dinner 5-7:30PM
	Friday - Saturday	Brunch 11-2PM; Dinner 5-7PM
	Sunday	Lunch 11-2; Dinner 5-7:30PM
Fan Store	Wednesday	11-1Pm(See post office staff)
Game Room	Monday-Friday	11-2PM
	Saturday	4-Midnight
	Sunday	6-midnight
Gym		As scheduled
Library Hours	M-Sunday	M-TH 8-11PM; Fri 8-Noon; Sat 11-3PM; Sun 2-11PM
Pool Hours	M-F	Aug –Mid Oct.(week after spring break)
Post Office	Monday - Thu	8-5PM
	Friday	8-12 noon

Telephone Number (912) 583-3177 Office of Student Dvelopment

Toll Free Admissions Number (800) 342-1087 College Information (912) 583-2241

#### **ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021**

#### **FALL 2020**

#### AUGUST

- 1 Residence hall closes at 1:00 p.m. for Summer Bridge students
- Last date for returning students to register without late fee
- 12-13 Fall Faculty & Staff Retreat and "Welcome Back Luncheon"
- 14 New students move in 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Last date for new students to register without late fee
- 15 New student orientation and advisement
- Residence halls open for returning students at 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Last date for dropping or adding classes without paying a drop-add fee Fall semester and Session 1\* classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Last date to withdraw from the college with a 100% refund of tuition and specified fees (refund of room and board will be made as detailed in the Business Office policy section of the *Catalog*) 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Last date to register or to drop or add classes 5:00 p.m.
- Last date to withdraw from the college with a 50% refund of tuition and specified fees (refund of room and board will be made as detailed in the Business Office policy section of the *Catalog*) 5:00 p.m.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Labor Day holiday – classes will not meet and administrative offices will be closed

#### **OCTOBER**

- 8 Session 1 classes end
- 12 Session 2\* classes begin
  - Last date to withdraw from semester classes without grade point penalty
- 15 Last day to drop/add Session 2 classes

#### NOVEMBER

- 20 Last class meeting for Mt. Vernon classes, Residence halls close at 2:00 p.m.
- 23-27 Thanksgiving holiday classes will not meet and administrative offices will be closed
- 30 Final Exams (online)

#### **DECEMBER**

- 1-3 Final Exams (online)
- 9 Administrative Offices Open classes will not meet
- 14 Online Winter term begins
- 17 Administrative offices open classes will not meet
- 18 Administrative Offices Closed
- 18-1/1 Christmas holiday administrative offices closed

#### WINTER TERM (2020-2021)

#### **DECEMBER-JANUARY**

12/14-1/7 Winter Term\* classes and deadlines are available with the published schedule, available in the Office of the Registrar or on the college web site.

#### **SPRING 2021**

#### **JANUARY**

- 4 Last date for returning students to complete registration and payment arrangements without paying late registration fee
- 4 Administrative offices open, no classes
- 7 Online Winter term ends
- 8 Last date for new students to complete registration and payment arrangements without paying late registration fee
- New and Returning students move in at 1:00 p.m.; new student Orientation & Advisement

- Last date for dropping or adding classes without paying a drop-add fee Spring semester and Session 1\* classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Last date to withdraw from the college with a 100% refund of tuition and specified fees (refund of room and board will be made as detailed in the Business Office policy section of the *Catalog*) 5:00 p.m.
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday classes will not meet and administrative offices will be closed
- 19 Last date to register or to drop or add classes 5:00 p.m.
- Last date to withdraw from the college with a 50% refund of tuition and specified fees (refund of room and board will be made as detailed in the Business Office policy section of the *Catalog*) 5:00 p.m.

#### MARCH

- 4 Session 1\* classes end
- 8 Session 2\* classes begin
  - Last date to withdraw from semester classes without grade point penalty
- 11 Last day to drop/add Session 2 classes
- 20 Residence halls close at 1:00 p.m.
- 22-25 Spring Break
- 26 Administrative offices will be closed
- 28 Residence halls open at 1:00 p.m.

#### APRIL

- 2 Good Friday/Easter holiday, administrative offices will be closed
- 27 Honors Day Chapel 10:00 a.m.
- 29 Last class meeting for Mt. Vernon classes

#### MAY

- 3-6 Final Exams
- 7 Residence halls close at 1:00 p.m.
- 8 Graduation Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

#### **SUMMER 2021**

#### MAY

- 16 Residence halls open for Summer Session 1 students at 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Summer Session 1\* classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
- 31 Memorial Day classes will not meet; administrative offices closed

#### JULY

- 2-5 Independence Day Weekend classes will not meet and
  - administrative offices will be closed on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday the 5th
- 22 Summer Session 2 classes end (final exams)
- 23 Residence halls close for Summer Session 2 students at 1:00 p.m.
- 30 Summer Bridge classes end (final exams)
- Residence halls close for Summer Bridge students at 1:00 p.m.

#### Federal Laws Brewton-Parker College

March 8, 2021

Policies and Procedures for Student Claims of Disability and Requests for Accommodation / Grievance Procedures for Complaints of Denied Requests

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#### **Civil Rights Compliance Policy**

Brewton-Parker College complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794) and is committed not to discriminate on the basis of disability in any of its policies, practices, procedures, programs, or activities.

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#### **Section 504 Accommodation Policy**

Brewton-Parker College provides reasonable accommodations to qualified students with learning, physical, or other disabilities and impairments, whether chronic or temporary, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794), its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 104, and other applicable state and federal laws. Pursuant to these standards the College will make such modifications to its academic and other requirements as are necessary to ensure that such requirements do not discriminate, or have the effect of discriminating, against qualified students on the basis of their claimed and documented disabilities.

However, notwithstanding the above policy, the College may decline a requested modification to any instructional (or directly related licensing) requirement that the College can demonstrate is essential to a student's degree program and would result in a fundamental alteration of that requirement. Declining to approve such a fundamental alteration will not be regarded as discriminatory within the meaning of Section 504 and its implementing regulations. In this case, the College will offer alternate modifications/ academic adjustments that would not result in a fundamental alteration of the program, service or activity.

The following procedures describe the process the College uses in determining whether students with disabilities are entitled to auxiliary aids, academic adjustments, or other aids or services needed to provide them an equal opportunity to participate in the College's programs and activities.

#### The Initial Conference

Disability support services are provided through the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President (also serving as the Office of Disability Services), located on the first floor of Gates Hall at 201 David-Eliza Fountain Circle at the front of campus. Requests for accommodation should be directed to the Provost and Senior Vice President via email at <<u>rbrian@bpc.edu</u>> or by arranging an appointment either in person or by telephone at 912-583-3108. With this initial conference, the College will conduct an interactive process with the student, including requests for documentation supporting a claim of disability and consideration of prior evaluations, diagnoses, accommodations, academic plans, and other documents that promote informed decisions and optimal support for the student.

#### **Documentation of Disabilities**

In order to qualify for accommodation, students are responsible to provide, as necessary, current, diagnostic documentation of their disability or impairment from a licensed professional care provider qualified in the field relevant to a claimed disability or impairment. Examples of such care providers include physicians, clinical psychologists, athletic trainers, and others qualified to evaluate and diagnose specific conditions that impair learning, mobility, vision, hearing, and other major life functions.

In the case of chronic learning, psychological, or other disorders that may change over time, documentation must be current within three years. Note that "Individualized Education Programs" (IEPs) and "Section 504 Accommodation Plans" from high schools or transfer institutions of higher education, while they provide valuable background information, are not diagnostic documents and do not suffice as documentation of claimed disabilities.

#### Letter of Accommodation

Upon documentation of a qualifying condition, the Office of Disability Services will certify the student as a person with a disability entitled to accommodation and will provide a letter or memorandum detailing approved accommodations to course instructors, residence life and athletics staff, and other service providers on campus. Accommodations will be provided on an individual basis upon re-evaluation each semester or, in the case of temporary disability, for a shorter period to be determined based on the diagnosis. Auxiliary aids, academic adjustments or modifications, and other aids or services include but are not limited to the following:

- extended-time testing
- testing in an isolated or small-group environment
- dual-modality testing (including readers)
- large-print testing
- use of assistive technology in classroom
- use of note-takers
- one-on-one or small-group tutoring
- use of service animals
- extended time permitted for degree completion
- substitution of specific courses required for completion of degree requirements
- adaptation of the manner in which specific courses are conducted
- taped texts, interpreters, or other effective methods of making orally delivered materials available to students with hearing impairments
- · readers in libraries for students with visual impairments

#### Accommodation Timeline

Initial Conference within five (5) calendar days of student's claim of disability

and/or request for accommodation

Memorandum/Letter within five (5) calendar days of initial conference or of the of Accommodation College's receipt of documentation of claimed disability or

when class rosters are finalized at the end of the "Drop/Add"

period

Students granted accommodations will receive a copy of the letter or memorandum detailing approved accommodations. Likewise, any students who are denied requested accommodations will receive a copy of the decision in writing explaining the reasons for denial and the procedures available for appealing such decisions.

#### Grievance and Appeal Procedures for Complaints Arising Under Section 504

Student complaints that pertain to discrimination or harassment based on disability should be submitted to the College's "Section 504 & Civil Rights Compliance Officer" for resolution in accordance with the College's Grievance Procedures and, if necessary, by referral to the standing Grievance Committee. The College designates Ms. E. Lynn Addison, Associate Provost for External Programs, as an alternate to receive complaints filed pursuant to Section 504 if the Provost is the subject of the complaint.

Contact information for the Compliance Officer and alternate are as follows:

Section 504 & Civil Rights Altern Compliance Officer Rights

Alternate Section 504 & Civil Rights Compliance Officer

Robert M. Brian, Provost and Senior Vice President Office: Gates Hall, 1st Floor 201 David-Eliza Fountain Circle Mount Vernon, GA 30445 Email: <a href="mailto:rbrian@bpc.edu">rbrian@bpc.edu</a>> Phone (W) 912-583-3108

Cell Phone: 504-220-9701

E. Lynn Addison, Associate Provost for External Programs Office: Jordan Building, Room 118 540 North Robinson Street

Mount Vernon, GA 30445 Email: <<u>laddison@bpc.edu</u>> Phone (W) 912-583-3286 Cell Phone: 478-410-2110

In compliance with applicable law, Brewton-Parker College has developed the following procedures. The President periodically appoints the Compliance Officer, who receives complaints, helps mediate disputes, and facilitates forwarding of the complaints to the standing Grievance Committee when necessary. The College's Grievance Committee has responsibility for hearing and making decisions on matters that cannot be resolved by informal mediation. Procedures are as follows:

- All complaints must be written, dated, signed by complainant, and filed with the "Section 504 & Civil Rights Compliance Officer" of the College.
- Initially upon receipt of a complaint the officer will conduct a preliminary investigation to gather and
  preserve available evidence, including relevant party and witness statements, photographs, videos,
  emails, texts, social media artifacts, and other documents or things.
- 3. The officer also will conduct informal efforts to resolve the complaint through interactive conversation with the complainant, defendant, witnesses, or others, or through informal mediation.
- 4. If the complaint cannot be resolved informally within five (5) calendar days, then the officer will schedule a meeting of the standing Grievance Committee to hear and decide the matter no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date the officer received the complaint.

- 5. All parties will be notified in writing of the date, time, and place of the meeting.
- Complainant will be invited to state the nature of the alleged discrimination before the Grievance Committee and answer any questions the members may want to ask.
- 7. Any party to the proceeding has the right to present direct testimony through witnesses and/or any other relevant evidence in support of the party's allegations or defense.
- 8. All parties will be given written notice of the Grievance Committee's decision within five (5) calendar days following the meeting, including the basis for the decision.
- 9. Within seven (7) days of Complainant's receipt of written notice of an adverse decision by the Grievance Committee, the parties may file an appeal with the standing College Appeals Committee. Like the original complaint, the parties should submit an appeal to the Provost and Senior Vice President or the alternate if the Provost and Senior Vice President is the subject of the complaint. See procedures for non-academic appeals to the College Appeals Committee at pages 67-68 of the Academic Catalog, published at [http://www.bpc.edu > Home > Registrar > 2020-2021 Catalog].
- 10. The officer will schedule a meeting for the College Appeals Committee to hear and decide the appeal no later than five (5) calendar days from the date the officer received the appeal.
- All parties will be notified in writing of the date, time, and place of the appeal hearing before the College Appeals Committee.
- 12. In an appeal before the College Appeals Committee, each party will be accorded the same rights (described in Procedures 5-8 above) as were available when appearing before the Grievance Committee.
- 13. All parties will be given written notice of the College Appeals Committee's decision within five (5) calendar days following its decision, including the basis for the decision.
- 14. Except upon presentation of new evidence unavailable at the time of the appeal, the decision of the College Appeals Committee will be final and not subject to review by college officials.
- 15. The College will take steps to prevent recurrence of any discrimination and to correct discriminatory effects on the complainant and others, if appropriate.
- Publication of the above procedures will be made to all students and employees of Brewton-Parker College.

#### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA governs the release of educational records maintained by an educational institution and affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records as follows:

- The right to inspect and review their educational records within a reasonable amount of time not to exceed 45 days.
- The right to request the amendment of their education records that they believe are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of their privacy rights.
- The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in their education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
- The right to block release of any or all personally identifiable information as directory information, which is not subject to the above restrictions on disclosure.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failure by Brewton-Parker College to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

Generally, BPC must have the student's or his or her legal representative's written permission in order to release any information that is a part of the student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- School officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and,
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

#### The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 600 Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES, RIGHTS, AND FREEDOM POLICIES "Standards of Conduct"

Students' Responsibilities, Rights and Freedoms

Personal responsibility refers, but is not limited to, the following:

- That whenever students demonstrate, in the judgement of the administration or faculty or its properly authorized committees, that they are unwilling or unable to demonstrate and maintain the Biblical standards of the College in academics or citizenship, or whenever students are found to be uncooperative members of the student body, or when the college feels it can do no more for the student, their period of residence at the college and privilege of class instruction may be terminated without specific charges by the Administration. Brewton-Parker College, a private educational institution, retains complete judgement as to student's fitness to continue to share the privileges of registration.
- The college reserves the right to require withdrawal of students whose scholarship is not satisfactory, and those
  who are not regularly attending classes for which they are registered, or those who for any other reason are
  regarded as not conducting themselves in accord with biblical behavioral and relationship standards. Students
  who withdraw in good standing may return the next semester without formal readmission. Those who leave on
  probation are readmitted on probation.
- Students permitted to keep or operate vehicles on the campus are required to register the vehicle with the Security Office, adhere to all speed regulations on campus and operate and maintain vehicle in accordance will safety regulations.
- Students are responsible for consequences of their behavior and actions and should conform to Standards of Conduct, both on and off campus.
- Students are responsible for the knowledge and observance of all policies, rules and regulations not herein
  enumerated, which have been established and promulgated by the appropriate college boards, designated college
  committees, etc. (i.e., social rules, residence standards, traffic regulations, and civil laws)
- Students are responsible for ensuring that the essential Order of the College is preserved. There can be no
  assembly or gathering that interferes with the order of the College, or violates statutes governing unlawful
  assembly.
- Students are responsible for supporting (1) free and peaceful discussions consistent with the scholarly nature of an academic community; (2) accountability on the part of speakers and sponsors to campus; and, (3) adherence to civil authority under existing laws and regulations.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that no recognized organization, either in name or fact, has a purpose to
  advocate or overthrow the government by force or other unlawful means and that no students' organizational
  constitution other organizational document includes discriminatory clauses pertaining to a Protected Class.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

Brewton-Parker College complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or legally approved disability.

#### NON-DISCRIMINATION

Brewton-Parker College has filed with the Department of Education assurance of compliance under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. We have exemption.

Title IX requires, however, that Grievance Procedures be set up and notification made to all students and employees. A list of the procedures with other required information follows:

#### TITLE VI AND IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

In compliance with the applicable law, Brewton-Parker College has developed the following procedures. The College's Grievance Committee has responsibility for hearing and making decisions on matters that cannot be resolved at a lower level. The President periodically appoints a College Affirmative Action Officer who receives complaints, helps mediate disputes, and facilitates forwarding of the complaints to the Grievance Committee when necessary.

- 1. All complaints are to be written and filed with the Office of the Affirmative Action Officer of the College.
- Upon receipt of said complaint the officer will set up a meeting of the Grievance Committee within 30 days to hear the complainant.
- 3. Complainant will be notified in writing of the date, time, and place of meeting.
- Complainant will be invited to state the nature of the alleged discrimination before the Grievance Committee.
- 5. Any party to the proceeding has the right to present direct testimony through witnesses and/or any other relevant evidence in support of the party's allegations or defense.
- 6. Complainant and/or college officials desiring legal counsel may obtain such representation provided notification is given in advance by both parties.
- Complainant will be given written notice of the Grievance Committee's decision within seven days following the meeting.
- 8. Within ten days of Complainant's receipt of written notice of an adverse decision by the Grievance Committee, Complainant may file an appeal with the President of the college, who upon receipt, either personally or through delegation, will appoint an *Ad Hoc* Committee to hear the appeal composed of the Executive Committee of the college's Board of Trustees and two peers of the Complainant.
- 9. The Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees also will serve as Chair of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to hear Complainant's appeal and will schedule the hearing within fourteen days from the President's receipt of the appeal.
- Complainant will be notified in writing of the date, time, and place of the appeal hearing before the Ad Hoc Committee.
- 11. In an appeal before the *Ad Hoc* Committee, Complainant will be accorded the same rights (described in Procedures 4-6 above) as were available when appearing before the Grievance Committee.
- 12. Complainant will be given written notice of the *Ad Hoc* Committee's decision within seven days following its decision.
- 13. The decision of the Ad Hoc Committee will be final and not subject to review by college officials.
- 14. Publication of the above procedures will be made to all students and employees of Brewton-Parker College.

#### **FILES**

Files of Grievance proceedings are kept in locked filing cabinets in the Human Resources Office.

Contact for Interpretation: President

This policy statement supersedes all previous policy statements on this subject.

Student complaints pertaining to academic, disciplinary, housing, financial, or any other matters outside the jurisdiction of the College Grievance/Appeals Committee should be resolved within the following offices:

Complaint	Student Development	Academic Services	Enrollment
			Management Services

Residential/Student Life & Security	X		
Faculty		X	
Classes & Grades		X	
Housing	X		
Financial Aid			X
Scholarships			X
Discipline	X		

#### Statement of Integrity

Brewton-Parker College seeks to support and promote qualities of personal integrity. The college believes that all members of the community have the responsibility to participate in learning with honesty and integrity. Fundamentally, this principle asserts that faculty, staff, students, and administrators must fulfill the commitments we make as we enter our academic endeavors, and we must respect the learning process.

This respect includes, but is not limited to the following:

- A commitment to working hard at learning, both in class and out of class;
- A sense of the value that all members of the learning community can bring;
- BPC students have the right to request that the college correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or
  misleading. If BPC decides not to amend the record, the student has the right to a formal hearing. After the
  hearing, if the college still decides not to amend the record, the student has the right to place a statement with
  the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification is left to the discretion of each school. The publication of this notice in this Student Handbook serves as the required disclosure to students. In the event students do not wish to have their directory information shared, students must provide written notice to the Office of the Registrar no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes.

#### **College Non-Discriminatory Policy**

Pursuant to Title IX, Part 86, Title VII, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, no person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity administered by Brewton- Parker College; or in any term, condition, or privilege of employment. BPC does not discriminate against, or otherwise harass, qualified persons on the basis of Protected Class in its recruitment, admission, employment, facility, and accessibility or service. Furthermore, it is a violation of BPC policy for any employee or student, to harass another employee or student by making sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and/or other physical or expressive behavior that may constitute a hostile environment. Harassment of any form is not tolerated. Students who think that they have been discriminated against, harassed, or otherwise had their rights violated shall make a formal, written complaint to the Office of Student Development and Success. The complaint should contain at a minimum the date and place of the alleged incident as well as names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all witnesses. The facts and context of the complaint should be documented.

#### Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act

Originally known as the Campus Security Act, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, commonly known as the "Clery Act," is a federal law that requires colleges and universities

to collect information on campus crime and to publish and distribute such data along with designated institutional policy statements on safety and security to all current students and employees and to any applicant for admissions or employment, to meet the requirements of the legislation. The College publishes an annual report of campus crime statistics as well as periodic crime alert notices and reports. Copies of the report can be obtained from Campus Security located in the Newton Building or by visiting the Brewton-Parker College website at <a href="http://www.bpc.edu/administration/institutionalresearch/studentrighttoknow.htm">http://www.bpc.edu/administration/institutionalresearch/studentrighttoknow.htm</a>.

#### **Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act**

The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, or <u>Campus SaVE Act (SaVE)</u>, is a 2013 amendment to the federal Jeanne Clery Act. SaVE was designed by advocates along with victims/survivors of sexual violence and championed by a bipartisan coalition in Congress as a companion to <u>Title IX</u> that will help bolster the response to and prevention of sexual violence in higher education.

SaVE requires colleges and universities, both public and private, participating in federal student aid programs (covering virtually every campus in the United States) to increase transparency about the scope of sexual violence on campus, guarantee victims enhanced rights, provide for standards in institutional conduct proceedings, and provide campus community wide prevention educational programming. Incidents that affect the health, welfare and security of the college will lead to immediate expulsion. Any public display of affection will not be tolerated. The Board of Trustees and the College President have the authority to enforce College regulations. The Associate Vice President for Student Development and Success is responsible for enforcing college regulations as they apply to the student body.

Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for reporting cases of misconduct promptly to the Student Development and Success Office. In all cases, the Associate Vice President for Student Development and Success or designee has the authority to decide on any appropriate disciplinary measures as outlined in the Student Handbook, unless action warrants an administrative decision.

#### Brewton-Parker College Student Financial Responsibility Agreement

#### Payment of Fees/Promise to Pay

I understand that when I register for any class at Brewton-Parker College or receive any service from Brewton-Parker College I accept full responsibility to pay all tuition, fees and other associated costs assessed as a result of my registration and/or receipt of services. I further understand and agree that my registration and acceptance of these terms constitutes a promissory note agreement (i.e., a financial obligation in the form of an educational loan as defined by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code at 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(8)) in which Brewton-Parker College is providing me educational services, deferring some or all of my payment obligation for those services, and I promise to pay for all assessed tuition, fees and other associated costs by the published or assigned due date. I understand and agree that if I drop or withdraw from some or all of the classes for which I register, I will be responsible for paying all or a portion of tuition and fees in accordance with the published tuition refund schedule on the Brewton-Parker calendar. I have read the terms and conditions of the published tuition refund schedule and understand those terms are incorporated herein by reference. I further understand that my failure to attend class or receive a bill does not absolve me of my financial responsibility as described above.

All students should be in good standing with the financial aid and business office by the first day of class.

- Your student account is considered in good standing if, your room, board, tuition, and fees are paid in full; you
  have a pre-approved payment arrangement (approved by the Business Office) that has been paid up-to-date; or
  you have financial aid (already approved) sufficient to cover your account balance.
- Both international students and those whose Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) appeal is denied must pay in full by the first day of class or registration will be purged.

For students with an unpaid balance at the end of the fifth week of classes may result in:

- Cancellation of enrollment
- Denial of registration for future classes
- Denial of occupancy in a residence hall room
- Denial of the use of the college dining room, library, and all other college facilities
- No participation in playing or practicing with athletic teams.

#### The following is a copy of the collection agreement:

#### **Delinquent Account/Collection**

**Financial Hold:** I understand and agree that if I fail to pay my student account bill or any monies due and owing Brewton-Parker College by the scheduled due date, Brewton-Parker College will place a financial hold on my student account, preventing me from registering for future classes, requesting transcripts, or receiving my diploma.

**Late Payment Charge:** I understand and agree that if I fail to pay my student account bill or any monies due and owing Brewton-Parker College by the scheduled due date, Brewton-Parker College will assess late payment and/or finance charges at the rate of 1.5% compounded monthly, or \$25 fee, whichever is greater, per month on the past due portion of my student account until my past due account is paid in full.

Collection Agency Fees: I understand and accept that if I fail to pay my student account bill or any monies due and owing Brewton-Parker College by the scheduled due date, and fail to make acceptable payment arrangements to bring my account current, Brewton-Parker College may refer my delinquent account to a collection agency. I further understand that if Brewton-Parker College refers my student account balance to a third party for collection, a collection fee will be assessed and will be due in full at the time of the referral to the third party. The collection fee will be calculated at the maximum amount permitted by applicable law, but not to exceed 15 percent of the amount outstanding. For purposes of this provision, the third party may be a debt collection company or an attorney. If a lawsuit is filed to recover an outstanding balance, I shall also be responsible for any costs associated with the lawsuit such as court costs or other applicable costs. Finally, I understand that my delinquent account may be reported to one or more of the national credit bureaus.

#### Communication

Method of Communication: I understand and agree that Brewton-Parker College uses e-mail as an official method of communication with me, and that therefore I am responsible for reading the e-mails I receive from Brewton-Parker College on a timely basis.

Contact: I authorize Brewton-Parker College and its agents and contractors to contact me at my current and any future cellular phone number(s), email address(es) or wireless device(s) regarding my delinquent student account(s)/loan(s), any other debt I owe to Brewton-Parker College, or to receive general information from Brewton-Parker College. I authorize Brewton-Parker College and its agents and contractors to use automated telephone dialing equipment, artificial or pre-recorded voice or text messages, and personal calls and emails, in their efforts to contact me. Furthermore, I understand

that I may withdraw my consent to call my cellular telephone using automated telephone dialing equipment by submitting my request in writing to the Director of Accounting or in writing to the applicable contractor or agent contacting me on behalf of Brewton-Parker College.

**Updating Contact Information:** I understand and agree that I am responsible for keeping Brewton-Parker College records up to date with my current physical addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers by contacting the Registrar. Upon leaving Brewton-Parker College for any reason, it is my responsibility to provide Brewton-Parker College with updated contact information for purposes of continued communication regarding any amounts that remain due and owing to Brewton-Parker College.

#### **Entire Agreement**

This agreement supersedes all prior understandings, representations, negotiations and correspondence between the student and Brewton-Parker College, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the matters described, and shall not be modified or affected by any course of dealing or course of performance. This agreement may be modified by Brewton-Parker College if the modification is signed by me. Any modification is specifically limited to those policies and/or terms addressed in the modification.

#### Financial Aid

I understand that aid described as "estimated" on my Financial Aid Award does not represent actual or guaranteed payment, but is an estimate of the aid I may receive if I meet all requirements stipulated by that aid program.

I understand that my Financial Aid Award is contingent upon my continued enrollment and attendance in each class upon which my financial aid eligibility was calculated. If I drop any class before completion, I understand that my financial aid eligibility may decrease and some or all of the financial aid awarded to me may be revoked.

If some or all of my financial aid is revoked because I dropped or failed to attend class, I agree to repay all revoked aid that was disbursed to my account and resulted in a credit balance that was refunded to me.

I agree to allow financial aid I receive to pay any and all charges assessed to my account at Brewton-Parker College such as tuition, fees, campus housing and meal plans, parking permits, service fees, fines, bookstore charges, or any other amount, in accordance with the terms of the aid.

Federal Aid: I understand that any federal Title IV financial aid that I receive, except for Federal Work Study wages, will first be applied to any outstanding balance on my account for tuition, fees, room and board. Title IV financial aid includes aid from the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Direct Loan, PLUS Loan programs. I authorize Brewton-Parker College to apply my Title IV financial aid to other charges assessed to my student account such as bookstore charges, service fees and fines, and any other education related charges. I further understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I rescind it or the end of enrollment and that I may withdraw it at any time by completing the BPC Loan Change Form found in the Forms section of My Financial Aid in MyWeb.

Prizes, Awards, Scholarships, Grants: I understand that all prizes, awards, scholarships, and grants awarded to me by Brewton-Parker College will be credited to my student account and applied toward any outstanding balance. I further understand that my receipt of a prize, award, scholarship, or grant is considered a financial resource according to federal Title IV financial aid regulations, and may therefore reduce my eligibility for other federal and/or state financial aid (i.e., loans, grants, Federal Work Study) which, if already disbursed to my student account, must be reversed and returned to the aid source.

#### Method of Billing

I understand that Brewton-Parker College uses electronic billing (e-bill) as its official billing method, and therefore I am responsible for viewing and paying my student account e-bill by the scheduled due date. I further understand that failure to review my e-bill does not constitute a valid reason for not paying my bill on time. Student account information is available at myweb.bpc.edu.

If you believe your bill is incorrect, or if you would like more information about a transaction on your bill, contact accountsreceivable@bpc.edu.

We must hear from you within 60 days of the bill that the item of concern first appeared. Please include in your email:

- Your name, the student's name and student ID #
- The dollar amount of the suspected error
- A description of the error and an explanation, if possible, of why you believe the error occurred.

You do not have to pay the amount in question while we investigate, but you are obligated to pay the portion of your bill that is not in question.

#### **Billing Errors**

I understand that administrative, clerical or technical billing errors do not absolve me of my financial responsibility to pay the correct amount of tuition, fees and other associated financial obligations assessed as a result of my registration at Brewton-Parker College.

#### **Minimum Balance Policy**

In accordance with the Minimum Balance Policy Statement of the College, no billing statements or account refunds less than \$1 will be issued.

#### Returned Payments/Failed Payment Agreement

If a payment made to my student account is returned by the bank for any reason, I agree to repay the original amount of the payment plus a returned payment fee of \$35. I understand that multiple returned payments and/or failure to comply with the terms of any payment plan or agreement I sign with Brewton-Parker College may result in cancellation of my classes and/or suspension of my eligibility to register for future classes at Brewton-Parker College.

#### Withdrawal

If I decide to completely withdraw from Brewton-Parker College, I will follow the instructions at http://bpc.edu/academics/registrar which I understand and agree are incorporated herein by Reference.

#### Intellectual Property Statement Applicable to Faculty, Staff and Students

All members of the College community which includes: faculty, staff and students are encouraged, as part of their work or student life experience to create or participate in the creation of information, processes, artwork, publications and other creations, or work products that are subject to registration or protection under copyright, trademark, or patent laws (collectively "Intellectual Property"). Absent of express written agreement to the contrary, any Intellectual Property created within the course and scope of a faculty or staff member's employment, and/or with Brewton-Parker College property, shall be the sole and exclusive property of Brewton-Parker College, as shall revenue derived there from. Likewise, absent express written agreement to the contrary, any such Intellectual Property created by a student in the course or scope of the student's coursework or a college sponsored extracurricular or work activity shall be the sole and exclusive property of Brewton-Parker College. Before undertaking any such efforts, faculty, staff, and students must obtain a written agreement with the office of the President.

#### **Code of Conduct**

Brewton-Parker College has a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding the following, which shall not be possessed, utilized, or conducted on college property: weapons, drugs, alcohol, fighting, or sexual activities not consistent with the philosophy, the mission, values, and vision of the college. A student who refuses to cooperate in any investigation may be subject to discipline including, but not limited to suspension or expulsion at the sole discretion of the college. If any student engages in behavior that adversely affects the health, welfare or security of the college or any of its students, faculty, staff, or visitors, such student may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension or expulsion at the college's sole discretion. Known information cannot be withheld during a search or investigation.

#### Zero Tolerance

Brewton-Parker College has a zero-tolerance policy regarding dangerous and undesirable conduct and reserves the right to strictly enforce. The following acts/behaviors are strictly prohibited and will result in severe penalties, even for first-time offenses, including, but not limited to suspension or expulsion:

- Illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia- Includes use, presence of same in an area under the student's control (i.e. residence hall, vehicle, etc.) or sale;
- 2. Weapon(s) possession Weapons include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Guns
  - b. Knives
  - c. Box Cutters
  - d. Ammunition
  - e. Explosives
  - f. BB and/or Pellet Guns
- Alcohol and/or empty alcohol bottles or containers
- 4. Violence
- 5. Sexual Acts- Students are prohibited from being present in the residence hall rooms of someone of the opposite sex or engaging in sexual activities or behavior of any kind whether with a member of the same sex or opposite sex.

Any violation of the above may result in *immediate suspension or expulsion from the College and no hearing will be held* if guilt is determined by the Associate Vice President of Student Development and Success, and the College Student Development Disciplinary Committee who hears all student discipline issues and makes recommendations to the college administration. The Associate Vice President of Student Development & Success chairs the Student Development Committee. Violators may be required to vacate the college's property or the residence life facilities immediately. The possession, use or sale of illegal drugs is a serious offense; and will result in suspension and/or expulsion from the college and immediate referral to the local law enforcement agencies.

If you are in your room and any of the above substances are found, you are responsible. If you are in another room or visiting another student's room and drugs are present, you will be held responsible along with other parties present.

#### **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Brewton-Parker College is fully committed to making good faith efforts to achieve a drug and alcohol-free environment for its students. The college has ZERO tolerance for alcohol, illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia. The Drug -Free Schools and Communities Amendments of 1989 require that as a condition of receiving funds or financial assistance under any Federal program, colleges must create and maintain a drug-free environment and implement a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by their students. Brewton-Parker College recognizes that dependency on alcohol and other drugs is a treatable condition, offers counseling, and referral services for students with substance dependency. The college reserves the right to require students to submit to drug or alcohol testing. Questions concerning college policy and services may be directed to the Associate Vice President of Student Development and Success.

The unlawful manufacture, use, possession, distribution, and sale of drugs in any form other than by proper prescription or otherwise in accordance with the law are strictly prohibited on the campus of Brewton-Parker College, on college-property, and at college-sponsored events. Prescription drugs must be properly labeled. Additionally, students may be charged with violating the Standards of Conduct upon the reasonable suspicion of drug possession, use, distribution, and/or sale of illegal drugs on the college campus, at college-sponsored events and activities, and on college property. Students do not have an expectation or right of privacy when on college property, the college campus or while attending college-sponsored events. Residence life Assistants have the authority to check a room to investigate any suspicions of such violations. Campus security employees have the authority to check a room, vehicle, personal property, or other areas to investigate suspicions of such violations. Violations will result in disciplinary action in accordance with college policies and procedures regarding the conduct as outlined in the Student Handbook.

A student may not possess, consume, or allow any guest or visitor of the student to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on the college campus, on college-owned property, or at college-sponsored events. In addition to illegal substances, students shall not use legal substances in a manner that impairs work performance, scholarly activities, or student life. Disciplinary sanctions ranging from a reprimand to expulsion may be imposed for such unlawful possession, use or distribution. The college may report any violations of State, Federal, or Local laws relating to drugs and alcohol to local authorities. Disciplinary sanctions imposed by the college will be separate and apart from any penalty, fines, imprisonment, or other sanctions imposed through the legal system. Inquiries regarding these Standards of Conduct should be referred to the Associate Vice President for Student Development and Success.

#### **Smoking Policy**

Brewton-Parker College is a smoke free environment. Smoking is not permitted on campus. This includes vaping and being in possession of any vaping paraphernalia.

#### **Bullying and Cyberbullying**

Incidents of bullying shall be reported to the Associate Vice President of Student Development who is responsible for promptly investigating any complaints of bullying. Complaints can be made verbally or in writing or can be anonymous. The college has Zero Tolerance to any acts of bullying.

"Bullying" includes verbal, or electronic expression by physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof directed at a student or students that:

Examples of conduct that may constitute bullying include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Repeated or pervasive taunting, name-calling, belittling, mocking, put-downs, or demeaning humor;
- 2. Behavior that is intended to harm someone by damaging or manipulating his or her relationships with others;
- 3. Non-verbal threats and/or intimidations such as use of aggressive, menacing, or disrespectful gestures;
- 4. Threats of harm to a student, to his/her possessions, or to other individuals, whether transmitted verbally or in writing;
- 5. Stealing or hiding books, backpacks, or other possessions;
- 6. Stalking; and
- 7. Physical contact or injury to another person or his/her property.

"Cyberbullying" means bullying through use of technology or any electronic communication, including, but not limited to, a transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted by the

use of any electronic device, including, but not limited to, a computer, telephone, cellular telephone, text-messaging device and personal digital assistant.

Examples of conduct that may constitute cyberbullying include, but are not limited to:

- Posting slurs or rumors or displaying any defamatory, inaccurate, disparaging, violent, abusive, profane, or sexually oriented material about a student on a website or other online application;
- Posting misleading or fake photographs or digital video footage of a student on websites or creating fake websites or social networking profiles in the guise of posing as the target;
- 3. Impersonating or representing another student through use of that other student's electronic device or account;
- 4. Sending e-mail, text messages, IM, or leaving voice mail messages that are mean or threatening;

"Retaliation" means an act against a student for reporting or alleging an act of bullying has occurred.

#### **Domestic Violence**

Domestic Violence is when one person uses physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse to control another in a relationship. Examples of domestic violence include sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. A student who engages in any type of sexual activity that forces a person to join in unwanted sex is guilty of sexual assault. A student who exhibits a pattern of controlling, coercion, and assaulting behavior against his/her intimate partner is guilty of dating violence. A student who willfully, maliciously and repeatedly follows or harasses another, or who makes a credible threat, with the intent to place in reasonable harm is guilty of stalking. The sanction for physical abuse is suspension or expulsion. The Associate Vice President of Student Development & Success will determine all other offenses not involving physical contact and make recommendations to the administration.

Students should be aware that the above-noted penalties are for violation of this Student Handbook only. Sanctions do not include those that could be imposed by law. Domestic violence is a criminal offense that may be punishable by the state by a fine, imprisonment, or both.

#### Sexual Harassment / Harassment

Brewton-Parker College is committed to maintaining an environment free of discrimination or harassment that unreasonably interferes with the security, well-being, or academic integrity of others. Discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, and quid pro quo harassment (collectively "harassment") is prohibited. This policy applies to any College student, employee, faculty, staff member, contractor, visitor, or volunteer who engages in conduct that constitutes harassment. All of the foregoing are expected to abide by this policy. This policy applies to harassment that:

- Takes place at the College or on College grounds, meaning: a College building; property on which a College building or facility is located; and property that is owned, leased or used by College for a College-sponsored activity, function, program, instruction, or training. "College grounds" also includes college-related transportation vehicles;
- 2. Takes place while students are being transported to or from College grounds or College sponsored events;
- 3. Takes place at any College-sponsored event, activity, function, program, instruction, or training; or,
- 4. Takes place elsewhere or through use of technology, including, but not limited to College IT Systems.

To assist in better understanding the constraints of the bullying and harassment policy, the following definitions are accepted by the College in implementation of sanctions:

"Discrimination" occurs when an individual is treated adversely based on a Protected Class.

"Harassment" means unwelcome conduct based on an individual's membership in a Protected Class that unreasonably interferes with the individual's work or educational environment. It includes verbal, visual, or physical conduct where the conduct may have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or educational performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or educational environment.

Examples of harassing behavior include, but are not limited to:

- Joking or teasing;
- Verbal abuse;
- Notes, letters, or other forms of harassing communication;
- Derogatory or degrading comments; or
- Display of derogatory or degrading objects or pictures.

"Sexual Harassment" refers to unwelcome sexual or gender-based conduct. When sexual harassment becomes as severe or pervasive as to interfere with an individual's ability to work, learn, or participate in College's programs, it is called a sexual or gender-based "hostile environment."

Examples of prohibited sexually harassing behavior include, but are not limited to:

- Unwelcome sexual advances or propositions;
- Requests or demands for sexual favors;
- Sexually oriented joking or teasing;
- Continued or repeated verbal abuse of a sexual nature;
- Graphic or degrading comments about an individual or his or her appearance;
- The display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures;
- Pressure for sexual activity;
- Unwelcome physical contact such as patting, hugging, pinching or touching another person's body or
- · Other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

A determination as to whether a hostile environment has been created is based on the totality of the circumstances, taking into account factors, including, but not limited to the following:

- Severity of the particular incident;
- · Context in which behavior occurred;
- Whether the conducted was repeated;
- Whether the conduct was verbal or physical; or
- Whether the conduct caused intimidation or was threatening.

"Quid pro quo" (this for that) harassment is also prohibited. Quid pro quo harassment occurs when a person in position of authority confers employment benefits to obtain sexual favors and threatens some job detriment if the person does not comply. Quid pro quo harassment can be expressly stated, but it also can be implied.

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#### BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

#### **User Accounts**

Many technology resources at Brewton-Parker College are accessed through user accounts. No user accounts should be used to execute computer software or programs or attempt to gain access to resources other than software, programs or resources specifically granted and offered for use by Brewton- Parker College. All users are responsible for both the protection of their account passwords and the data stored in their user accounts. The sharing of network accounts is not allowed. Users are never to give out their password and should take measures to ensure that their password remains secure. A few steps that can be taken to keep others from using your password are:

• If you feel you must write down your password, keep it secure. Don't tape it to the bottom of your keyboard, post it on your monitor or keep it in your desk drawer.

- With the implementation of Single-sign-on (SSO), it is vital that you do not share passwords as your SSO
  password provides access to all systems.
- Secure passwords are from 8 to 16 characters long and include a mixture of upper case and lower-case letters, numbers, and special characters. As part a standard policy, your SSO password requires you to have a password length of 8-characters, and a combination of upper-case, lower-case, number, or special character, and it cannot contain any part of your name.
- Users should change their password periodically to help prevent unauthorized access of their user account.
   Any suspected unauthorized access of a user account should be reported immediately to the Director of Information Technology (techsupport@bpc.edu) or another BPC authority. You SSO password is set to expire every six months.
- After graduation, students are allowed to retain their account for a maximum of one year. After one year, all account information is set to be deleted.

#### E-mail

The college provides email accounts for students. Students may view their e-mail user name and password as well as change their password by logging in to Single-Sign On and clicking the "Gmail" application link.

- In order for you to use your BPC email account you will need to be connected to the Internet and have a
  valid BPC account. For Web mail access you need a compatible Internet browser such as Google Chrome,
  Mozilla Firefox, or Safari.
- Web mail users will need to hover over the link "insideBPC" from the Brewton-Parker College home page (www.bpc.edu) and then click the "My BPC (SSO)" button.
- Student e-mail accounts are REQUIRED at Brewton-Parker College. All course information and other
  official college communication will only be sent to campus email addresses. College-related
  communication will not be relayed to personal email addresses.
- After graduation (or when the student leaves the college for another reason), students are allowed to retain
  their account for a maximum of one year. After one year, all account information is set to be deleted.
- All student e-mail accounts have a 30 GB storage limit. If you reach 30 GB, your account will
  automatically lock and you will receive notification that you have reached your storage limit. You will not
  be able to send or receive any e-mail until you delete some of your stored e-mail.
- A student's email account will be active as long as they are a student at Brewton-Parker College.
- E-mail must not be used for purposes inconsistent with the mission of the college.
- Transmission of chain letters, unrestricted bulk e-mail, junk e-mail, abusive, obscene, or libelous electronic messages is not permitted.
- Users may not conceal, mask or misrepresent their identity when sending e-mail or other electronic messages.
- Deliberate transmission or propagation of malicious programs such as viruses, worms, Trojan Horses or
  participation in denial of service attacks are subject to disciplinary and possible criminal action.

#### Campus Computer Labs

Computer labs on the Brewton-Parker College campus are available for general use by students, faculty and staff except during the periods when the rooms have been reserved for teaching purposes. Lab computers are a shared resource. Labs are located in Jordan rooms 101 and 109, in the library, and in the Math and Science Building room 101. In all computer labs, priority is given to students working on class work. Students playing games or browsing the Internet will be asked to give up their computer if students are waiting to use a computer. Under no circumstances should any software be installed on a BPC owned computer without prior approval from Technology Services. This includes but is not limited to games, chat programs, etc. The only authorized programs on any campus computer are those installed by the Technology Services department. Rights to access information do not include rights to use the college network to store and/or transmit information, visuals, or sound that is offensive, unlawful, or unrelated to education. Any student who violates this policy may be denied access to the network.

It is the responsibility of every user to use these facilities in a responsible manner. Accidental damage or damage caused by other parties should be reported as soon as possible so that corrective action can be taken. Corrective action can include but are not limited to (depending on the gravity of the damage) replacement cost fines.

#### **Student Computer Configurations**

Wi-Fi A\_access to the Internet is available in-residence hall rooms (free of charge) for students who bring any device that connects to the internet. By accessing the college networks, students agree to abide by this usage policy. Students must not change network configurations. Students are responsible for all network traffic originating from their network access. Due to the destructive nature of modern computer viruses, all computers that access the Brewton-Parker College network must have an up-to-date anti-virus program installed. Technology Services does not perform any other repair work or computer maintenance on student-owned computers. A Technology Services staff member will, however, be glad to take a look at your system if you are having problems and either tell you how to fix the problem or recommend a local computer repair shop.

#### **Brewton-Parker College Campus Network**

The college provides network access in classrooms, laboratories, the library, offices and student residence hall rooms. While the college is committed to free speech and open access to information and communication, these must be tempered by the need to respect others' rights to speech, access and communication. Each user is expected to balance their needs with the needs and expectations of the college community as a whole. The college reserves the rights to limit bandwidth to users and access to non-academic, resource intensive applications if they threaten to interfere with academic uses of the campus network.

Users on the network must not attempt to conceal, mask or misrepresent their identity or the identity of computers when using the network. Users shall not employ software or hardware that interferes with the operation or security of the network. Users shall not interfere with the administration of the campus network nor shall they attempt to breach any network or resource security system. In administering the network, network activities of users may be monitored as to type and quantity. Users are responsible for all network activities originating from resources provided them by the college.

#### Security (technology)

Under no circumstances will any software, commercial or homemade, designed for the purpose of gaining unauthorized access to a computer system, network or electronically stored information, be introduced to the BPC network. This includes computers in computer labs, library, faculty, and staff computer systems. If software on a student's personal computer violates the security of the college network, the student will be immediately suspended from access to the network until the software in question is removed from that student's personal computer.

Under no circumstances should you use another individual's username and password. If your login information is not working, you need to contact Technology Services for assistance by emailing <a href="mailto:techsupport@bpc.edu">techsupport@bpc.edu</a> using your BPC email.

#### P2P, Bit Torrent, and other file-sharing services/software

File-sharing services have in recent semesters caused some significant problems for the BPC network. While some information concerning the topic has already been included within this document, additional details will hopefully eliminate some confusion.

File-sharing services that use P2P, Bit Torrent, etc. technologies are network-based software programs that create several problems:

- File-sharing software allows you to search the Internet for media files and download them onto your
  computer. The majority of these downloaded media files are COPYRIGHTED. By downloading
  them, you are breaking Federal and International copyright laws and Brewton-Parker College's
  Copyrighted Material Policy. (Refer to Policy on the Use of Copyrighted Material on Brewton-Parker
  College's Computer systems and Networks)
- 2. The software also allows you to share your media files with everyone else on the Internet. This causes a massive amount of traffic on the college network, absorbing valuable bandwidth needed by faculty, staff, and students for legitimate academic needs.
- 3. Once installed, file-sharing software, you open your computer to significant security risks from viruses and hackers by allowing them access to your personal files.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> All file sharing software must be disabled and not be used when your computer is connected to the Brewton-Parker College network. Assistance in disabling the software on your computer can be done from Technology Services.

#### Results of Misuse

A breach of appropriate use, as defined in this policy, will result in immediate termination of that student's network access from the residence hall room. Once a student's network jack is deactivated, no access to any Brewton-Parker College network resources or the Internet will be possible from the student's computer. Access to the network from the labs and the library will still be available for academic purposes. For the first offense, student network access will be terminated in the residence hall for one month. If there is a second offense student access will be terminated for the entire semester (or the duration of the next semester if the offense takes place at the end of a semester). For the third offense, the case will be sent to the Student Development Department.

#### Campus Life

#### **Chapel Service and Participation**

Consistent with the mission of the college, Chapel will be held multiple times each semester. All full-time students attending classes at the Mt. Vernon campus are allowed to miss two chapel services each semester. Chapel is also a requirement for graduation. Graduation, diplomas and transcripts will be withheld until attendance requirements are met. To monitor your Chapel attendance, you can check with the Campus Pastor who if deemed appropriate will assign a make-up day for you. Students must earn the required "chapel credits."

**All offices**, including the Library, food services, bookstore, and Post office will be closed to students during chapel. All residence halls will be closed. Regular times for Chapel are at 10:00 AM each Tuesday unless notified by the Provost/Sr. Vice President, in which in most cases a revised schedule is noticed to all students, faculty and staff.

#### **Behavior during Chapel Services**

All students should be attentive during Chapel and respectful toward participants and the Chapel speaker. Students who do not comply with Chapel guidelines may lose Chapel credit. If a student repeatedly violates chapel guidelines they may face disciplinary actions.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before start of Chapel

- Please do not use cellphones during chapel
- Please do not use any electronic device. Exception: use of your electronic device to follow along in service with scripture
- Please do not leave early
- Please do not sleep or appear to be asleep
- Please do not do homework in Chapel, this is a time for you to commune with God and fellowship
- Please do not bring food or drink into the chapel
- Please do not wear hats, visors, and lower your hoodies
- · Please do not wear your pants below your hips/waist and do not wear pajamas to Chapel

Chapel is an integral part of your spiritual growth and Christian development at the college. Enforcement of these guidelines reside with the President and Provost/Sr. Vice President.

#### **Campus Ministry**

The Campus Pastor's office is located in the Snooks Gym; the Campus Pastor leads, and is responsible for programming of Campus Chapel. In addition, the Campus Pastor facilitates a weekly Campus Leadership Class designed to win souls

and lead students to Christ. Students may consult with the Campus Pastor on how to cope with daily and life issues, collegiate concerns and spiritual and morale decisions. The Campus Leadership class is often a disciplinary sanction.

#### **Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM)**

BCM is a student-led and campus Pastor directed Christ-centered, and church related organization, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Association and state conventions. BCM is a fellowship of college students striving toward Christian growth. Students are involved in evangelism, weekly worship services, Bible Study, and opportunities to fellowship. The BCM also works with local churches and provides opportunities for students to connect with a church while away from home.

#### **Dress Code**

In keeping with its commitment to Christian principles and values, morals, and ethical behavior, the college administration expects staff, faculty and students to uphold specific standards both on and off campus. Anyone who deliberately dresses inconsistent with the stated policy will be subject to disciplinary actions. All students should come to the dining area, class and Chapel dressed appropriately. This means the following:

- Please do not wear pajamas and sloppy clothing (pajamas should not be worn on campus, in class, Chapel or at college functions)
- Please do not wear T-shirts that are open on the sides
- Please wear shirts and shoes...this is required
- Please do not wear sports bras that are not covered
- Please do not wear pants below the waist
- Please do not wear athletic shoes with metal spikes or cleats in buildings
- Please wear dresses, skirts, and shorts at a decent length

The college staff has a right to turn you away from services if you do not comply with the above dress codes. It is a good practice to bring with you a form of attire for all occasions. Men, please bring a belt! The college will not tolerate any display of indecent exposure on the campus.

#### **Counseling Center**

Brewton-Parker College has a contractual agreement with Roads to Success, Inc. to provide free counseling services to students who may experience any type of mental health issues or who may need a listening ear due to a life change or may feel anxiety from being away from home. The counseling center is staffed with a Licensed Professional Counselor who also collaborates with a network of other professionals in the area. Counselors are also available to intervene in crises. *See directory of local resources for your counseling needs*. However, students are urged to seek the assistance of the qualified partners at Roads to Success, Inc., located in the Cadle Building.

#### Campus Nurse

The campus nurse will be housed in the Math and Science building for your basic medical needs. Brewton-Parker College will provide basic medical care to all students, faculty, staff and visitors. The Campus Nurse business hours will be Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:00pm and Friday 7:30am-12:00pm.

#### **Children on Campus**

Please do not bring children to class. Children should not be brought on campus and should not be left unattended. Students are not allowed to babysit on campus or in the residence halls. The college's administration requests your cooperation in this matter.

#### **Pets on Campus**

Only service animals are allowed on campus, with proper documentation and permission from the Provost/Sr. Vice President who approves accommodations as the college's Section 504 officer. It is the responsibility of the

pet owner to restrain and control the animal at all times. Animals are not allowed in the residence halls or classroom buildings. Please report all wild or stray animals to security. Arrangements will be made for immediate removal.

## Campus Safety and Security Call (912) 253-9280 Escort --- (912) 551-3434 Security Posted hours: Daily 6PM to 6AM Campus operating hours 5AM to 6PM

Campus Security hours are 24/7. This office is located in the Newton Building. The college's Campus Safety and Security Manual is located on the college website at <a href="https://www.bpc.edu.">www.bpc.edu.</a>

#### **Security Cameras**

For your safety, security cameras are strategically located throughout the campus. Cameras are operating 24/7. Please do not damage a camera as the replacement cost to you can cost up to \$700 and subject you to immediate expulsion from BPC.

#### **Student ID Cards**

All students enrolled at Brewton-Parker College are required to have a picture ID card issued. ID Cards are used to enjoy dining services on campus, as your Library card, to attend special events, to use as a method to count Chapel attendance and to present ID to any college official for personal identification. ID Cards are issued in the Campus Security office located in the Newton Building. All students will have their picture uploaded into the campus MyWeb system as a means of identification for safety and security purposes. There are no exceptions! Please keep track of your ID card through the duration of your stay at BPC. Should you lose your ID card there is a replacement fee of \$35.

#### **Escort Program**

Should you at any time feel uncomfortable on campus or feel that at dark you need an escort to walk with you to your destination on campus, please call (912) 253-9280.

#### Arrest and/or incarceration

Brewton-Parker College does NOT provide assistance in acquiring an attorney, posting bail, or appearing before a judge. The college does realize that often a subpoena may be issued to appear as a witness or give testament to a situation/incident. Students <u>must</u> contact their parent(s) or guardian(s).

#### Megan's Law

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention ACT (CSCPA) of 2000 requires all institutions of higher education to provide the campus community with information on where students and faculty may obtain information about registered sex offenders. In Montgomery County, Georgia, this information is publicly displayed and is available in the local Sheriff's Office.

#### Fire Safety

Please do not tamper with any fire safety devices and equipment. Should you tamper with these devices, this is considered, "willingly tampered with/set off a false alarm". This is a violation of city and state fire codes and will be referred to local law enforcement agencies.

#### Fire alarm - In case of fire --- Pull the fire alarm ---- call 911---- call security (912) 551-3434

State your name, location of fire, location/name of building---- Call your RA (resident assistant) ASAP if you are in a residence hall. If in another building on campus, call an employee or security as soon as you feel safe to do so.

#### **Property Damage**

The college is not responsible for damage to personal property, including automobiles, which occurs on the campus or elsewhere. Students should not request college personnel to take any action that has a potential for damaging personal property, such as opening a locked car. Please call local law enforcement who may be able to assist you, or call a local locksmith.

#### Change of Personal Contact Information

It is the student's responsibility to inform the Registrar's office of any changes to name, address, and phone number. All correspondence from the college will be addressed to the information noted on the student's application for admission unless otherwise notified of changes.

#### Vehicles on Campus (includes motorcycles)

All motorized vehicles operated on campus must be registered with the college. Maximum speed on campus is nine (9) miles per hour. Do not drive motorcycles on lawns and sidewalks. Please obtain a decal from the Security office located in the Newton building.

**Bicycles and skateboards are welcome** on campus. Please allow right away to pedestrians, wheelchairs, golf carts, and larger vehicles. Please keep your bike locked when unattended. The college will not be responsible if your bike is stolen or damaged.

#### **Parking on Campus Property**

The security team monitors and patrols campus grounds 24-hours a day, seven days a week. If vehicle becomes inoperable you will have 10 days to remove from campus. If your vehicle has to be towed for violation of any of the parking regulations, you will be charged the tow fee. You may be charged a service fee by the towing company if you do not arrive in time to cancel the service. Please adhere to the following parking regulations on campus:

- Do not double park
- Do not park near a fire hydrant
- Do not park on the dirt or grass
- Do not park in front of a trash dumpster at any time. Your vehicle will be towed from this area. Warning tickets
  are not given in this instance,
- Do not park on yellow curbs
- Do not drive or park on the track
- If you have a registered handicap-parking permit, please display the permit in visible view in your vehicle. The
  permit is usually hung from the rear-view mirror. Failure to do so will result in your vehicle being towed at your
  expense.

Please obtain another decal if you are temporarily driving another vehicle on campus.

#### **Driving Violations**

Citations will be issued for the following violations:

- Speeding/reckless driving \$50
- Illegal Parking \$25
- Parking in unauthorized areas \$20
- Blocking Driveway \$20
- Double Parked \$10
- No Decal \$20
- Wrong way \$50
- Failure to register vehicle \$25 (Georgia Highway Patrol will be notified to verify ownership)

#### Fines will be doubled on second and third offenses.

To dispute a parking ticket/citation submit in a writing an explanation within five days to the Office of Student Development, located in the Cook Building. The Student Development Disciplinary Committee will meet within 7 days of receipt of the dispute and will contact you with a decision. Should you not agree with the decision of the Student Development Disciplinary Committee you then have the right to file an appeal with the College Appeals Committee.

#### **Community Service**

A student who receives a sanction to perform community service is to report to the Director of Safety and Security who is responsible for monitoring and reporting the completion of your community service project to the Office of Student Development and Success.



Academics

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

#### **Academic Integrity**

Please refer to the Academic Integrity policy published in the Academic Policies section of the Brewton-Parker Academic Catalog as well as in all course syllabi.

#### **Academic Support Services**

Brewton-Parker College offers many support services to ensure the academic success of our students, realize, and practice the concept of "Student Success is Everybody's Business". We urge students to take advantage of these services and to pursue your dream. *The Academic Success Center is open Monday – Thursday 8AM – 6PM unless otherwise posted.* 

**Academic Success Center** – Free tutoring in the areas of Math, Sciences, Reading, Writing, English, Christian Studies, Music (tutors are available in other disciplines upon request). Three locations:

- Cook Building Receive tutoring in English, Math, the Sciences and Christian Studies
- Parker Building The Writing Lab, History
- Miller Building Music

**Fountain New Library** is located in center of campus. The Library offers many cultural events and in particular, rotating exhibits throughout the academic year. See the quick reference guide for the Library operating hours. Your ID card also serves as your Library card.

#### Library Fines

- Overdue books .25 cents per day for regular books and \$1 per day for reserve books.
- Lost book(s) Replacement fee of \$5 plus cost of book
- Defacement or Mutilation of Library materials \$50 and appropriate disciplinary action

Students who owe fines to the Library or who have overdue books will not be permitted to check out other materials until all charges are cleared.

#### Registration and Registrar's Office

Contact the Registrar's office for information on grades, transcript requests, degree audits, graduation requirements and graduation applications, class schedules, and academic advisor information. For grade information go to the SSO (single sign on) on the dashboard to select the MyWeb area to access your grades. <u>Grades are not mailed.</u> Grades are usually posted by the second week of the semester. Transcripts may be requested in person, on the BPC website - Registrar's link, online at getmytranscript.com or through a mail request. Please address all requests to:

Registrar's Office

Brewton-Parker College

201 David-Eliza Fountain Circle

Mt. Vernon, Georgia 30445

#### Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to govern themselves in a Christ-like manner in class. Please give your professors and fellow students the utmost respect. Any disrespect toward a professor will not be tolerated. You are expected to attend classes, complete assignments on time and if you miss a class, it is your responsibility to acquire notes, arrange with the professor to make-up any exams missed and to inform your professor of your absence. Brewton-Parker College has an automated attendance program that alerts the Office of Student Engagement and Success (OSES) at any time you are absent from class. The system alerts the OSES when you have missed 20%, 30% and 35% of class time. If you are an athlete, the system alerts your coaches when you miss 10% of class time. If you are asked to come to the OSES office, please do so, as this is an attempt to help you receive the support needed to be successful academically. Please see the college's Academic Integrity Policy, which addresses cheating, plagiarism, etc. located in the appendix section of the handbook.

#### Student Athlete at Brewton-Parker College

"Playing sports at college is an opportunity, but graduation is an accomplishment".

Brewton-Parker enjoys a proud tradition of sports and academics. As an athlete, you are first a student and therefore must abide by the same policies and procedures as outlined in the student handbook and the college catalog. Please see the Athletic Director for a copy of the Athletic Handbook and/or rules relating to athletics.

Associate Athletic Director(s):

- Frankie Ruiz -- Office Location -- Gym
- Aaron Larsen Office Location -- Baseball Field

The Intercollegiate Athletics program at BPC has full membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) and the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC). The athletic program also has affiliation/membership in the Mid-South Conference (MSC) for Wrestling. Members are listed on the NAIA, and SSAC website (<a href="www.naia.og">www.naia.og</a> & <a href="www.ssacsports.org">www.ssacsports.org</a>). BPC supports intercollegiate teams for men in baseball, basketball, wrestling, track and field, cross-country, golf, soccer, and weightlifting. Women sports include basketball, dance, track and field, cross-country, soccer, softball, wrestling and volleyball.

Intramural Sports – This program is a great way to meet new friends and stay in shape at the same time. Intramurals are available to all students, faculty, and staff. Some intramurals include flag football, volleyball, basketball, handball, soccer, and softball. Each sport has its own season. Intramural special events may include billiards, Ping-Pong, and Ultimate Frisbee.

Intercollegiate Athletics – Brewton-Parker College fields teams in several senior college varsity sports: basketball (men and women), baseball, softball, soccer (men and women), women's volleyball, wrestling (men and women), track, crosscountry, and golf. Varsity sports are in good standing with the National Christian College Athletic Association and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

#### Hazing

"Committing acts against an individual or forcing an individual into committing an act that creates a risk for harm in order for the individual to be initiated into or affiliated with an organization". American Journal of Emergency Medicine, M.Finkel, MD

Hazing is illegal. Brewton-Parker College will not tolerate any acts of hazing.

Acts of hazing includes acts, which are done for pledging purpose, holding office in an organization, maintaining membership in an organization, initiation activities or affiliation with/in an organization. These activities can be violent, harassing or subtle. Hazing is illegal. These are some examples of hazing:

- Degrading an individual or group
- Ridicule of an individual or group
- Embarrassing an individual or a group Harassment of an individual or group
- Humiliating an individual or a group
- Risking an individual or a group to injury
- Compromising or religious values or morals
- Forcing the consumption and/or over consumption of liquids or solids
- Interference of academic pursuits and civic/physical liberties
- Placing an individual in a situation that intentionally impacts emotional stability and places individual at risk of

Should a student feel they are in a hazing situation, they should contact the Office of Student Development and Success located in the Cook Building.

The above section was taken in part from no-hazing@umich.edu (University of Michigan)

#### Residence Life

#### HOUSING REGULATIONS

Students are required to live on-campus. The residence halls are reserved for traditional age college students who are typically single students under the age of 25. Student over 25 will not be allowed to apply for on-campus housing.

- **All students** must pay a one-time reservation fee upon applying for a room.
- All students must sign a Housing Agreement yearly
- First Year Residents must submit a completed BPC health/medical form.

Room sign-up/assignments are done each Spring semester for currently enrolled students. Priority is given to currently enrolled/returning students and those paying for a private room. Housing will assign roommates on a first come/first serve basis. Roommate requests will be honored when possible.

No room changes should occur until after the first two FULL weeks after the semester begins unless, there are extenuating circumstances. If you believe you have a legitimate reason/circumstance you must speak to your RA (Resident Assistant) who will then contact the Coordinator for Campus Housing on your behalf.

Students without a roommate will be charged the \$1000 private room fee, if a roommate is not found and/or requested after the first two weeks of the semester.

\*Private rooms are available for an additional \$1000 per semester. Private rooms will be granted as space allows.

#### Residence Hall Check-In/Check-out

Residents must check in with their RA prior to moving in. New students will receive a room key and sign a room inventory sheet. Students will be notified in writing of the actual date and time to check in. If a resident has not checked in by 5:00pm of the first day of classes and has not notified the Coordinator for Campus Housing, the room assignment may be cancelled.

Residents much check out with their RA when vacating a dorm room, whether a student withdraws, is suspended, is expelled, leaves prior to withdrawing, or upon semester-end residence hall closing. Student must set up a specific time with the RA to check out. The student must be present when the RA inspects the room. After completion of the inspection, the room check-out form is to be signed by the student and the RA.

\*Failure to comply with the check-out procedure will result in a charge of \$100 and any damage assessments added to the students account.

\*Students are permitted to leave personal property in their rooms between Fall and Spring semesters at their own risk. BPC assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.

\*Students <u>may not</u> leave personal belongings between Spring and Fall semesters in the dorms. At the end of Spring semester all students must remove all of their belongings from the residence halls before they check out. BPC is not responsible for items left behind. All personal property that is left in a dorm will be considered abandoned property and will be removed immediately/disposed of after the residence hall closes for the semester.

\*If a student leaves or checks out of the residence hall during the semester, the student's belongings will be held for the remainder of days left in that semester up to 14 days. Once the 14-day period or the residence hall closing date passes (whichever comes first), the belongings will be considered abandoned and disposed of.

All students must vacate the residence hall (but may leave personal belongings) on the last day prior to any specified school vacation/holiday that occurs during any semester.

\*Students must sign out with the RA if you plan to stay overnight at another location. You must give the destination, expected return time, and phone number to call for emergencies.

### Things you may bring

- 1. Small refrigerator cannot exceed 2.5 cubic feet
- 2. Microwaves
- 3. Surge protectors not extension cords
- 4. Television and cable cord to hook up to the cable outlet in the room

\*Students are not allowed to "daisy chain" surge protectors. If a student is caught using extension cords they will be charged the electrician fee and any repair costs associated with overloaded/blown circuits.

#### Room Keys

Residence hall keys are the property of BPC and are not to be shared, borrowed, or duplicated. All keys must be returned as soon as a student vacates a room. Grades and transcripts will not be released until keys are returned. A \$50 fee will be charged to replace a lost key.

## **Rules for Visitors**

- 1. They must enter through the front of the residence hall
- 2. They must sign in and out with the RA (leave their ID with the RA)
- 3. They must not bring children or animals
- 4. Opposite genders may only visit on certain posted days and times

During visitation doors and windows are to remain fully open and the host must escort the guest to the room.

### **Visitation Hours**

Male dorms - Monday and Friday from 7pm till midnight

Female dorms - Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm till midnight

Doors are not to be propped open for any reason. If the room door lock is not operating properly, report it to the RA immediately. Students caught propping doors open will receive a sanction.

You may visit with friends in the lobby on weekends which are open to guests of the opposite gender from 12 noon until 12 midnight Monday through Sunday.

When visitation is over the RA's will check each room in every dorm to make sure that the visitors have left. The RA has the authority to ask any visitor to leave the dorm at any time if the behavior warrants.

# **Overnight Guests**

- 1. Must be approved by your roommate
- 2. Must sign in and out with the RA
- 3. Must be the same gender as the student they are visiting
- 4. Must pay \$10/night and may stay no longer than 3 consecutive nights

<sup>\*</sup>You are responsible for the visitors who come to your room

### **Living Off-Campus**

Students who want to live off-campus must meet one of the following criteria.

- Be a senior as defined by the BPC catalog
- Reside with your parents, legal guardian, or spouse within 50 miles of the campus
- Be 22 or older as of the first day of classes during the term you wish to live off-campus
- Be an athlete who has followed the procedure of getting approval from your coach, athletic director, and Chris Dooley
- Have a doctor's note that has been approved by the Student Development Department

\*Approval to live off-campus must come from the Student Development Department/Housing (non-athletes). For athletes, you must have approval from your coach before petitioning the Student Development/Housing office. Please submit a written request to your coach or to the Student Development Office (non-athletes). You should receive approval of your request within seven (7) days.

As a student of Brewton-Parker College, a Christian institution, biblical living and moral standards will be upheld. Students may not reside with someone of the opposite biological birth gender unless they are related to them by birth or marriage. Proof of housing, housemates, etc. may be requested at any time and should be provided by the student.

The college reserves the right for its officials to enter all buildings, lockers, and rooms for any purpose at any time without prior notice. The college further reserves the right to give law enforcement officers access to any area at any time without prior notice.

### **Room Conditions**

Residence halls are inventoried and checked for damage immediately before school begins. Each room must always contain the furniture on inventory in that room. During periodical room checks, if furniture has been moved, the furniture will be returned to its original position and sanctions may be issued. This policy may be updated by maintenance as needed throughout the year. This includes lobby furniture.

- Windows are not to be covered or painted on (this included glass safe paint). Screens are not to be removed (repeat offenders will receive sanctions).
- Any objects applied to walls must be applied with thumb tacks to minimize damage to the wall. You may not
  paint the walls.
- Beds are not to be disassembled and must have the mattresses on at all times.
- Students must put room trash into the large trash containers provided outside the Residence Halls. You are responsible for your own trash.
- There is to be nothing on the roof of any building.

Residence hall room damages will be assessed each semester and the charges will be added to the student's account. If furniture is missing from the room, the student will be charged the replacement price as stated on the room inventory sheet signed by the student at check-in.

## **Quiet Hours**

10:00pm till 8:00am (10:00am on Saturdays)

Noise (including music, movies, and group gatherings) must be kept at a level that does not disturb your roommate or neighbors. Quiet hours also apply to the lobby and living room areas.

24-hour quiet hours will be observed on exam days.

#### **Laundry Rooms**

Laundry rooms are shared. Students need to be respectful of each other and remove clothes from washers/dryers promptly and keep your laundry supplies in your room. BPC is not responsible for items left in laundry rooms.

If a machine is not working properly, notify your RA.

#### **Non-Discrimination**

Residence hall regulations for all residents apply to all students regardless of age, biological birth gender, race, or disability.

# **College Values**

We, as the Brewton-Parker College community, affirm the value of a peaceful and purposeful community, founded on biblical morals and ethical integrity of students and faculty. We commit ourselves to the following Christian values on which Brewton-Parker College was founded. We expect that our commitment to mutual responsibility and a spirit of cooperation will create a community that is orderly, caring, and just.

### Value 1. Respect for the Worth of the Individual

We value the intrinsic worth of every individual in the community. Our respect for individuals includes an appreciation of cultural backgrounds different from our own, an understanding of different attitudes and opinions, and an awareness of the consequences of our actions on the broader community. These values can be violated by behaviors such as harassment, hazing, lewd and indecent conduct, or inappropriate sexual conduct or communication.

#### Value 2: Practice of Self-Discipline

We value personal responsibility and recognize the individual's need for physical, intellectual, spiritual, social and emotional wholeness. We value the full development of every student in terms of a confident and constructive self-image, of a commitment to self-discipline, and of a responsible self-expression. Disorderly conduct, possessing, consuming, or distributing alcohol, or drugs are examples of behavior, which violate the value of self-discipline.

### Value 3: Practice of Academic integrity

We value a campus community that encourages personal growth and academic development in an atmosphere of positive Christian influence. We affirm the necessity of academic standards of conduct to allow students and faculty to live and study together. We value the fair and efficient administration of these standards of conduct. These values can be violated by academic dishonesty and fraud.

### Value 4: Respect for Property and the environment

We value the rights and privileges of owning and using property, both personal and college property, and the benefits of preservation and maintenance of property, and of our natural resources. In our stewardship of property, we recognize the accountability of our actions to the future of the college community. Stealing and being in possession of stolen or lost property, vandalism, setting a fire and arson, tampering with fire and safety equipment, possessing firearms or weapons on campus, possessing or using fireworks on campus, and unauthorized entry, unauthorized guests, pets, or the possession of any property used to intimidate others are all examples of behavior which violate this value.

### Value 5: Respect for Community Authority

We value our privilege and responsibility as members of the college community and as citizens of the community beyond the campus. We value the community standards of conduct expressed in our system of laws and value the fair administration of those laws, including BPC, municipal, state or federal laws. These values are violated by possessing, consuming, or distribution of alcoholic beverages; intoxication; possessing, using or distribution of illegal drugs, sexual misconduct, aiding, abetting or conspiring to engage in value violations; violating residence hall visitation guidelines; reckless behavior; lewd and indecent conduct; insubordination, unauthorized or unruly demonstrations; driving while impaired, habitually offending motor vehicle rules and regulations; creating a nuisance by talking, yelling, singing, playing a musical instrument, electronic device, and so forth, loudly enough to disturb members of the college community; and committing a city, state, or federal crime.

#### **Explanation of Sanctions**

The Associate Vice President for Student Development & Success and Student Development Hearing Committee may impose and/or recommend sanctions, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Reprimand A written notification that the student's conduct is in violation of College's rules and regulations.
- Conduct Probation A period of observation during which the student must comply with College rules and regulations and any other restrictions imposed by the Student Development Disciplinary Committee, or be subject to additional sanctions.
- 3. Removal from Residence Hall A student is removed from the residence hall for a specified period.
- 4. **Suspension** A student is withdrawn from the College and all coursework for a specified period. While under suspension, a student may not reside in College-owned facilities; attend College-sponsored functions both on and off campus, participate in student organizations, represent the College in any capacity, or visit campus facilities and unless approved by the administration cannot take college classes.
- 5. Expulsion/Indefinite Suspension A student is withdrawn from the College for an indefinite or unspecified period. Reinstatement may be requested by completion of an application for admission and a case review by the College Appeals Committee and approval by the college administration. While under expulsion, a student may not reside in College-owned housing facilities, attend College sponsored functions both on and off-campus, participate in student organizations, represent the College in any capacity, or visit any campus facility and cannot attend/take college classes unless approved by college administration.
- 6. **Fines** All fines are to be paid. These fines are to be paid to the student accounts office located in the Newton Building. All persons who refuse to pay fines will have fines posted to their student accounts.
- Education Sanctions- A student will be required to attend session with the College Counselor, attend an
  educational program/session, participate in a community service project, or engage in other appropriate activities.
- 8. Loss of privilege Loss of privilege prohibits a student from engaging in or attendance at any public event or in any capacity as a representative of Brewton-Parker College. This includes athletics, pageants, musical or drama performances, student government and student organizations, etc).
- Restitution A student may need to compensate another for damage to or loss of property or damage to one's personal well-being resulting from student misconduct.
- 10. **Disciplinary Probation/ Behavioral contracts** A student may receive a formal written warning that his/her conduct is in violation of BPC policies and that student status is in jeopardy. Further, continuous enrollment of the student depends on satisfactory citizenship during the period of probation or behavioral contract.
- Disciplinary records A student found guilty of inappropriate behavior will have the information placed in a disciplinary record for the duration of enrollment at BPC.
- 12. **Interim suspension** A student may be placed on Interim suspension if there is evidence to support the belief that a student's behavior on or off campus is a clear and present threat to the health, safety or welfare of faculty, students, staff or guests. The student may be placed on interim suspension until the Office of Student Development & Success can convene to discuss the situation/incident. If placed on interim suspension, the student may be restricted from campus or from a particular program, activity or building.

# **Disciplinary Process**

Brewton-Parker College is an institution of higher education affiliated with Georgia Baptists. As such, the college community provides an accepting, caring Christian atmosphere in which spiritual formation, personal development, vocational preparation, and a sound, academic liberating education enhance the growth of individuals.

Any student, faculty member, or staff member must present a written report of the facts regarding the alleged violation before the disciplinary process can formally begin. Written reports are sent to the office of Student Development Department. A meeting will be arranged with the student and the Student Development Department (or designee). If the student admits to a violation of the value, the student will receive a sanction, guidance, and counseling.

## Complaint, Appeal, Grievance, and Amnesty

If a student disagrees with a violation, complaint procedures follow:

### Fairness Rights:

A student who has been charged with a value violation and thus alleged to be involved in an inappropriate behavior will be granted these rights in order to assure fundamental fairness in the judicial process:

- 1. Notice to be informed in writing or by email of the inappropriate behavior in which the student is suspected of involvement.
- 2. Meeting to have an opportunity to be heard.
- 3. Evidence to know the nature of the evidence.
- 4. Written Response to have a written response reporting the results of the meeting.

### A. Student Complaint Policy and Procedure

Complaints Under Title VI & Title IX: Student complaints that pertain to discrimination or harassment based on race, color, national origin, or sex under the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and/or Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 should be submitted to the college's Affirmative Action Officer for resolution in accordance with the college's Grievance Policy and, if necessary, by referral to the standing Grievance Committee. For information about submitting a complaint to the Affirmative Action Officer, please inquire in the Office of Academic Services.

Other Student Complaints: Student complaints pertaining to academic, disciplinary, housing, financial, or any other matters outside the jurisdiction of the Grievance Committee should be resolved in accordance with the following procedure:

- 1. Students first should relate any concerns to a staff member in the office or area from which the complaint arises. Complaints must be submitted in writing and signed and dated by complainant. For example, matters pertaining to residential or student life first should be reported to the appropriate Resident Assistant (RA), to the Student Development Department, the Director of Campus Housing, or other appropriate officer, while matters relating to faculty, classes, grades, or other academic matters first should be presented to the appropriate instructor, academic advisor, or division chair. The officer receiving the initial complaint will arrange to meet with the complainant and any alleged offenders in an effort to mediate an amicable and mutually satisfactory resolution to the complaint.
- 2. Any matter that cannot be resolved through mediation to the satisfaction of the complainant then will be referred by the officer receiving the complaint to the appropriate Vice President, Provost, or other Cabinet-level officer for further consideration, either through discussion or other informal conflict resolution proceedings or, ultimately, by referral to the standing College Appeals Committee for a formal hearing and final resolution. The College Appeals Committee policy and procedure is set forth both in the Student Handbook and in the Academic Catalog published online at the college's website.

Should any student have a concern, complaint, or other grievance for which the above procedures do not adequately afford a remedy or avenue of expression, then the student may request a conference with the Provost for advice about appropriate redress. If the concern or complaint alleges an offense that involves the Provost or poses a conflict of interest for the Provost, then the student may request review by the President.

### B. Procedure for filing an Appeal:

The College Appeals Committee will hear appeals of academic, disciplinary, financial, and any other matters designated by the President. The Appeals Committee will not deal with appeals of persons who are denied admission to the college. The Admissions Committee will deal with such matters. The decisions of the Appeals Committee will be given to the President who will take final action in these and all other matters of appeals.

Appeals of those matters, which are dealt with by the Appeals Committee, must be made within seven calendar days of the time student was notified of the action. The appeals process must be completed within one semester following the original event that is being appealed. The Chairman will schedule a hearing on the appeal within three academic days of receipt of the appeal. The Committee will listen to an appeal only, when in the opinion of the majority of the Committee, the appellant can document in writing a basis for appeal. The basis must be one or more of the following:

- 1. Evidence that the lower agent (the person who made the original decision) refused to hear all witnesses brought forward by the appellant.
- 2. Evidence that the lower agent applied regulations not in effect.
- 3. Evidence that the lower agent did not give fair play in being attentive to the appellant's report.
- 4. Evidence that the lower agent rendered a decision contrary to the evidence presented.
- 5. Evidence that the decision rendered was biased.
- 6. Evidence that the action taken was excessive for the charge made against the student.

In the case of suspension or expulsion of a student due to violation of the student handbook (such as use, possession, distribution of illegal drugs, etc., as outlined in the student handbook) the staff of the Student Development Department (VP of Student Development, VP's, etc.) will consult with the President before the final decision is made. In such cases, the decision of the President and Student Services staff is final.

## C. Procedure for filing TITLE VI and IX GRIEVANCE:

In compliance with the applicable law, Brewton-Parker College has developed the following procedures. The College's Grievance Committee has responsibility for hearing and making decisions on matters that cannot be resolved at a lower level. The President annually appoints a College Affirmative Action Officer who receives complaints, helps mediate disputes, and facilitates forwarding of the complaints to the Grievance Committee when necessary. Forrest Rich is the BPC Affirmative Action Officer.

- 1. All complaints are to be written and filed with the Office of the Affirmative Action Officer of the college.
- 2. Upon receipt of said complaint the officer will set up a meeting of the Grievance Committee within 30 days to hear the complainant.
- 3. Complainant will be notified in writing of the date, time, and place of meeting.
- Complainant will be invited to state the nature of the alleged discrimination before the Grievance Committee.
- 5. Complainant and/or college officials desiring legal counsel may obtain such representation provided notification is given in advance by both parties.
- Complainant will be given written notice of the Grievance Committee's decision within seven days following the meeting.
- Complainant may appeal the Grievance Committee's decision to an Ad Hoc Committee composed of
  the Executive Committee of the BPC Board of Trustees and two peers of the complainant appointed by
  the President of BPC.

# D. Requesting Amnesty Policy

Students who struggle with issues that violate the Student Conduct Code are encouraged to seek support and help. Examples include (but are not limited to) alcohol, drugs, and sexual relationships. Knowing that many students who struggle with these issues may fear asking for help because of the potential consequences, Brewton-Parker College has started an amnesty policy. This policy allows students who want to receive help and support to receive support, encouragement, and counseling without initial disciplinary processes. Students who seek help from the Student Services office will receive appropriate assistance. Students requesting help are asked to abstain from the behavior and may be asked to sign a behavioral contract, receive a referral for counseling, or be asked to receive professional help elsewhere. Students must request amnesty from the Student Services staff before any report of the behavior is made or any disciplinary confrontation addressing the specific inappropriate behavior(s) occurs. Resident assistants, campus security, a representative of the Student Development Department, or any other member of the BPC faculty or staff could carry out disciplinary confrontations. Students must be honest, cooperative, and compliant. They must demonstrate a true desire to change. Students may contact the Student Development Department to request amnesty or learn more about the policy.

Requests for amnesty that involve illegal activity, or activity that otherwise endangers people or property, may be reported to local authorities as necessary.

When students request amnesty, they will not be disciplined for behaviors they have engaged in prior to their confession, as long as those behaviors have not been public and are not determined to have significantly harmed other members of the campus community. However, depending on the extent of the behavior, students may still be removed from campus organizations as deemed by college officials. The behavior in question will have to ultimately change for the student to remain at Brewton-Parker College. There may be circumstances when a student may be required to withdraw for reasons of safety, or in order to get added help before returning to campus as a student.

### VALUE: RESPECT FOR THE WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL

#### A. Harassment

The unwanted, unwelcomed and uninvited behavior that demeans, threatens or offends the victim and results in a hostile environment for the victim. Verbal or physical abuse or threats directed toward any student, faculty, staff, or guest of the college.

Examples include, but are not limited to one's race, biological birth gender, religion, appearance, age, citizenship status, national origin, special needs, or learning difference. The term harassment includes slurs and any other offensive remarks, jokes, or other verbal, graphic or physical conduct.

### Minimum Sanction:

#### First Offense:

- Behavioral contract
- Counseling
- 20 Hours of Community service

#### Second Offense:

- Suspension from athletics, extracurricular activities, representing the college
- 40 Hours of Community service
- Dismissal

# B. Hazing

Any abusive, often humiliating form of initiation into or affiliation with a group, including: Any willful action taken or situation created which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of another. The use of physical violence or any activity perceived to impose embarrassment, harassment, or any activity which would in any way jeopardize the physical, moral, or scholastic well-being of any individual; mentally antagonizing a student, guest or employee or placing him or her under threat of physical harm.

Examples include, but are not limited to, fist fighting or throwing objects.

#### Minimum Sanction:

### A. Hazing by an individual

First Offense -- \$100 fine, also to include any of the following:

- · Behavioral contract
- Loss of visitation privileges
- Counseling

## Second Offense -- BPC suspension

B. Hazing by a student led organization (To include athletic program, music program etc.)

First Offense: \$500 fine, also to include any of the following:

- Counseling
- Forfeit right to participate on campus for students involved

Second Offense: BPC suspension of organizational status

### C. Lewd and Indecent Conduct

This could include two (or more) people engaged in sexual intercourse or other sexual contact in view of the public, or an individual displaying his or her genitals in an aroused state. Lewd conduct is therefore a more serious criminal offense than indecent exposure.

The following items included, but are not limited to, are prohibited: vulgarity, obscene language, profanity, lewd or indecent acts, lewd posters and/or pictures, depictions of nudity and/or partial nudity, sexually suggestive material, alcohol/drug posters or any other printed material inconsistent with the Christian mission of BPC. The appropriateness of posters, pictures, etc. will be at the discretion of college authority or the Student Development Disciplinary Committee.

## Minimum Sanction:

### A. First Offense:

 Warning and \$25 fine (may be increased) at the discretion of the Student Development Disciplinary Committee

## B. Second Offense:

- \$50 Fine
- Counseling
- 20 hours Community Service
- Leadership Course

## D. Sexual Misconduct

Publicly demonstrated explicit or simulated sexual behavior in lobbies, dorm rooms, online, on school property, and publicly available TV rooms; conduct which is contrary to instinctive modesty, human decency and self-respect; all sexual activity not in agreement with the Bible, including but not limited to premarital sex, adultery, indecent exposure, and homosexuality.

## Minimum Sanction:

## A. First Offense:

• \$100 fine and counseling

### B. Second Offense:

- \$200 fine and counseling referral,
- 20 hours Community Service,
- Possible BPC suspension based on Student Development Disciplinary Committee recommendation to administration.

#### E. Invasion of Privacy

The intrusion into the personal life of another, without just cause, which can give the person whose privacy has been invaded a right to bring a lawsuit for damages against the person or using one's entity that intruded. Examples: Peeping Toms, invasion of one's personal space, and electronic devices.

#### Minimum Sanction:

#### A. First Offense:

- Written warning and counseling referral
- · Behavioral contract

# B. Second Offense:

- \$50 fine and 20 hours Community Service
- Possible BPC suspension based on the Student Development Disciplinary Committee recommendation to administration.

#### F. Violence

An offense that has as an element of the attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or any other offense that is a felony. The offense by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense.

Including, but not limited to the following: a brutal attack on a person, forcible rape, attempted forcible rape, any attack on a person, threatening verbal interaction, property damage, or any effort to maim or kill a person.

### Minimum Sanction:

#### A. First Offense:

- Police notification,
- Possible legal charges (as determined by legal authorities)
- Possible college suspension and other sanctions depending on the seriousness of the crime (based on the decision of the college administration)

### B. Second Offense:

• Expulsion from BPC

### VALUE: PRACTICE OF SELF-DISCIPLINE

## A. Disorderly Conduct

The intent to cause public alarm, nuisance, jeopardy or violence, or knowingly or recklessly creating a risk thereof, such person commits any of the following prohibited acts: (1) Engages in fighting or threatening, or in violent behavior. Conduct that is offensive or annoying to other or is disruptive to the rights of others.

This includes, but is not limited to: excessive noise such as loud talk, shouting, loud stereo or television sets, horseplay, practical jokes, and general annoyance.

#### Minimum Sanction:

## A. First Offense:

• \$25 fine

### B. Second Offense:

- \$50 fine
- · Behavior contract
- Leadership course

### C. Third Offense:

- \$100 fine
- 20 hours Community Service

### B. Possession, Consumption, or Distribution of Alcoholic Beverages

Possession, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or any labeled Non-alcoholic beverage that contains any percentage of alcohol is prohibited on or off the BPC campus while a student is enrolled at Brewton-Parker College.

## **Possession** – in the presence of alcoholic beverages

This policy is in place to ensure the safety of your students, most of whom are under the age (21) to consume alcohol, and is in accordance with assuring our students and have the best learning environments available to them at all times.

Alcoholic beverage containers, boxes, and cases, whether full, empty, or otherwise, are prohibited and will be confiscated and not returned.

### Minimum Sanction:

#### A. First Offense:

- **Possession** -\$100 fine, loss of participation, and behavior contract
- Consumption \$100 fine, loss of participation, Counseling

### B. Second Offense:

- Possession \$200 fine, 20 hours community service, referral to counseling, possible BPC suspension (based on recommendation of the Student Development Disciplinary Committee to College Administration);
- **Consumption** \$200 fine, 20 hours Community Service, Counseling

## C. Distributing Alcoholic Beverages to an Underage Person

Any person providing or distributing alcoholic beverages to any individual below the age of 21 years.

## Minimum Sanction:

### A. First Offense:

• BPC suspension

## D. Possessing or Using Illegal Drugs/Vaping

Possession or use of controlled or illegal substances including, but not limited to, amphetamines, barbiturates, hallucinogens, narcotics, marijuana, cocaine, anabolic steroids or other intoxicants and drug paraphernalia such as drug bags, needles, pipes and roach clips, vaping paraphernalia.

### Minimum Sanction:

### A. First Offense:

• Possessing or Using Illegal Substances - Suspension and possible expulsion from BPC (based on the recommendation of the administration)

### **E.** Distributing Illegal Drugs

Providing or distributing illegal drugs or prescription drugs to any individual.

### Minimum Sanction:

### A. First Offense:

• Providing or Distributing Illegal Drugs to an individual - Expulsion from the college (based on recommendation from College Administration)

## F. Curfew

Being outside residence hall, other college buildings, even in the community after the designated curfew. (See page 31)

# Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - Written warning
- B. Second Offense:
  - \$50 fine
  - 20 hours of community service

# VALUE: PRACTICE OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY

## A. Fraud

Any intentional deception or misrepresentation used to benefit yourself or someone else. Knowingly furnishing false information to the college and forgery, alteration or misuse of miscellaneous documents, equipment, (including computers), records or identification.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - \$50 fine
  - Loss of privilege
  - Disciplinary probation
- B. Second Offense:
  - BPC suspension (based on recommendation of administration).

## **B.** Academic Integrity

Please refer to the "Academic Integrity" policy published in the "Academic Policies" section of the Brewton-Parker *Academic Catalog*, as well as in all course syllabi.

# VALUE: RESPECT FOR PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### A. Stealing and Possession of Stolen or Lost Property

The unauthorized removal or keeping of college property, items rented, leased or placed on the campus at the institution, or items belonging to students, faculty, staff, or guests to the college.

### Minimum Sanction:

## A. By an individual

### First Offense:

- Stealing \$100 fine, restitution, counseling referral, behavior contract, and 20 hours of community service.
- Possession \$100 fine, restitution, return of property, Leadership course, 20 hours of community service.

### Second Offense:

• BPC expulsion

## B. Vandalism and Damage or destruction to campus property

Destroying, defacing, damaging of college property belonging to students, faculty, staff, or guests of the college including, but not limited to, tampering with, misusing or abusing computer equipment, programs or data.

### Minimum Sanction:

## A. By an individual:

### First Offense:

- \$200 fine
- Restitution
- 20 hours of Community Service
- Leadership course

# C. Setting a Fire and Arson

To cause burn or ignite, or produce a flame, candles, incense or any item that produces a fire is not allowed in the residence halls. Smoking is not allowed in any building on campus.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - \$25 fine for minor infraction
  - Behavioral Contract
  - *Arson*-- student will be expelled.

### B. Second Offense:

- \$100 fine
- 20 hours of Community Service
- Counseling

# D. Tampering with Fire and Safety Equipment

Tampering with or removing fire alarms, fire extinguisher, exit signs or other safety equipment, and giving false alarms.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - \$150 fine
  - Disciplinary probation
  - 20 hours of Community Service
- B. Second Offense:
  - Suspension from BPC (based on recommendation from College Administration).

## E. Possessing Firearms or Weapons on Campus or at BPC sponsored Activities

The possession, whether openly or concealed, of any weapon including, but not limited to firearms, explosives, throwing stars, knives with blades of more than four inches, and any other weapon of any kind or imitation that could be used to cause fear in another person, including BB guns and air soft guns.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - \$100 fine, confiscation, leadership course (In severe cases, expulsion, based on recommendation of College Administration).
- B. Second Offense: s
  - Suspension from BPC

## F. Possessing or Using Fireworks on the BPC Campus

Possession or use of fireworks on campus.

# Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - \$25 fine and confiscation of fireworks
- B. Second Offense:
  - \$50 fine, disciplinary probation, 20 hours of Community Service and confiscation of fireworks.

## **G.** Unauthorized Entry

Entering any BPC building or facility without authorization. Duplicating and/or distributing keys for any campus property or facility.

## Minimum Sanction:

A. Leadership course, other sanctions as deemed by the Student Development Disciplinary Committee.

## VALUE: RESPECT FOR COMMUNITY AUTHORITY

### **Violations:**

- A. Possessing Alcohol First Offense \$100 fine, Loss of participation, behavioral contract. Second Offense \$200 fine, 20 Hours Community Service; Counseling Consuming Alcohol \$100 fine, loss of participation, Counseling Second Offense \$200 fine, 20 hours of community Service
- B. Distributing Alcoholic Beverages to an Underage Person First Offense Expulsion from College (Based on recommendation of Student Development Disciplinary Committee to College Administration)
- C. Possessing or Using Illegal Drugs First Offense Suspension and possible expulsion from BPC (based on recommendation of Student Development Disciplinary Committee to College Administration).
- D. Distributing Illegal Drugs First Offense Expulsion from BPC
- E. Sexual Misconduct First Offense \$100 fine, behavior contract Second Offense - \$200 fine, Counseling, possible BPC suspension (based on recommendation from Student Development Disciplinary Committee recommendation to college administration).

### F. Aiding, Abetting, or Conspiring

Aiding, abetting, or conspiring with another person to become involved in inappropriate behavior.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense \$100 fine, written warning
- B. Second Offense \$200 fine, Counseling, Leadership class, possible suspension from BPC

## G. Violating Residence Hall Visitation Guidelines

Refusing to abide by the visitation guidelines. Visitation is not allowed by members of the opposite sex in residence hall except during listed hours.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - Minimum of \$25 fine and/or 20 hours of community service as deemed appropriate by Student Development Disciplinary Committee.
- B. Second Offense:
  - Minimum of \$100 fine, and/or community service as deemed appropriate by Student Development Disciplinary Committee.
- C. Third Offense:
  - \$200 fine and community service as deemed appropriate by Student Development Disciplinary Committee.

- D. Additional Offense (beyond a third):
  - \$300 fine, continued visitation and/or curfew violations may result in dismissal from living in the Residence Halls.

## H. Additional Residence Hall Policies

Unexcused absence from mandatory hall meetings and fire alarm meetings.

Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - Warning
- B. Second Offense:
  - 20 hours of Community Service
- C. Third Offense (and each consecutive offense):
  - \$50 fine, loss of privileges in residence hall

### I. Reckless Behavior

Any behavior which creates risk of danger to students, faculty, staff, or guests of BPC including, but not limited to, propping exterior doors open in residence halls, throwing objects from windows and disclosing or giving residence hall door access to unauthorized persons. In addition, NO toy guns such as high-pressure water guns will be allowed on campus. If these toys are found in your room they will be confiscated. BB guns and air soft guns are considered imitation weapons and will be dealt with as firearms. (See "A-G" under Respect for Property and the Environment above)

Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - \$100 fine
- B. Second Offense:
  - Possible suspension from BPC

## J. Lewd and Indecent Conduct

Refer to Respect for the Worth of the Individual above.

### K. Invasion of Privacy

Refer to Respect for the Worth of the Individual above.

### L. Insubordination

Direct disobedience of a lawful order of a BPC official including, but not limited to, failure to evacuate a building during a fire alarm, refusing to present an ID upon request, and failure to appear when summoned for an official conference. Insubordination extends to a student ignoring a guideline set forth in this handbook or by any other BPC faculty or staff member.

# Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - loss of privilege
  - \$50 fine
  - Leadership course
- B. Second Offense:
  - Disciplinary probation
  - \$75 fine
  - 20 hours of community service
- C. Third Offense:
  - Suspension from BPC

# M. Demonstrations

Participation in unauthorized assemblies/demonstrations and behaving in such a manner which appears calculated to incite a riot; interfering with rights of other students, faculty or staff to engage in scheduled activities; engaging in or sponsoring any activity contrary to the best interest of Brewton-Parker College or biblical standards.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First offense:
  - \$100 fine, leadership course
- B. Second Offense:
  - Suspension from BPC

## N. Driving while Impaired

Operating a motor vehicle on campus while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is considered endangering lives.

# Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - Expulsion from BPC

## O. Creating a Nuisance with Noise (Disorderly Conduct)

Talking, yelling, singing, playing a musical instrument, electronic device, or the like loudly enough to disturb members of the BPC community.

### Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - Written warning
- B. Second Offense:
  - \$50 fine
  - leadership course

- C. Third Offense (and each consecutive offense):
  - \$75 fine
  - Leadership course
  - 20 hours of community service

# P. Committing a City, State, or Federal Crime

All students are required to abide by the laws of the local, state, and national governments and are subject to judicial action at the hands of BPC for violation of any of the laws thereof (i.e stealing street signs, traffic lights)

# Minimum Sanction:

Sanctions correspond to the severity of the law violated. The Student Development Disciplinary Department and other college administrators will decide sanctions on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the severity, local law enforcement may be involved.

## Q. Tobacco Free Campus Policy

Tobacco use of any kind by students, employees, and visitors is prohibited on the BPC campus. This includes tobacco use in vehicles. This includes smoking, dipping snuff, and chewing tobacco, e-smoking, vaping, and hookah pipes.

# Minimum Sanction:

- A. First Offense:
  - \$25 fine
- B. Second Offense (and each consecutive offense):
  - \$50 fine
  - 20 hours of community service
  - Leadership course

### **Student Activities**

Student Activities provides an opportunity for students to engage in and assist in creating a campus community that serves as their "home away from home". Students have an opportunity to engage in spiritual, social, cultural, and athletic, including intramurals, recreational and self-expressive activities.

The staff strives to develop and offer activities that promotes spiritual growth and development and at the same time afford a memorable collegiate experience for each student. The Phillips Student Center houses the ultimate dining experience for our students and many guests from the local and surrounding communities. Located on the top floor is the Lake Side Grill with a walk – out patio to enjoy a view of Jones Lake. The downstairs dining area offers a smorgasbord of different cuisines. See your quick reference guide for dining operating hours. In the Phillips Student Center, you will find the game room, several seating areas to enjoy gaming, the Fan Store, the post office, several meeting rooms, including the President's dining room, and the Student Government Association office.

If you have an interest in participating in a Student organization, please check with the student activities office located in the Phillips Student Center.

#### **Student Organizations**

Student Government Association (SGA) - The SGA serves as the voice for the student body and assists the college administration in maintaining the college missions and core values. The membership of the SGA is representative of the student body and consists of a freshman class representative, a sophomore class representative a junior class representative and senior class representative. The SGA Executive Board consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The student body will elect positions on the SGA during the fall term of each year.

<u>Delta MU</u> – A Christian Service Sorority that participates in local and campus projects to give back to the community. The sorority encourages Christian fellowship among females on campus to develop a sense of unity. Students interested must have a 2.0 or above GPA to participate.

 $\underline{KTK}$  — A Servant Leadership fraternity that promotes Christian values and encourages unity and the improvement of student life on campus. To participate students must be a full-time student and have a 2.5 or above GPA.

<u>Pi Gamma Mu</u> – Pi Gamma Mu mission is to encourage and promote excellence in the Social Sciences and to uphold and nurture scholarship, leadership, and service. This organization serves the various social science disciplines, which seek to understand and explain behavior and social relationships as well as their unrelated problems and issues.

<u>Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)</u> - FBLA inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. The club develops events and marketing strategies with a goal of learning to become successful entrepreneurs.

Alpha Lambda Epsilon – Alpha Lambda Epsilon encourages students to further their professional knowledge in all areas of criminal justice. Its membership consists of students and professionals in Criminal Justice.

<u>Fellowship of Christian Athletes</u> – The purpose of this organization aims to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationship and in the fellowship of the Church.

<u>Biology Club</u> – The purpose of the Biology Club is to undertake and promote activities to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of science.

### **Lake Regulation**

Throwing, tripping, pushing, or otherwise enticing anyone into the lake is forbidden. Danger of drowning, snakebite, and lacerations could result. No swimming in the campus lake.

### Persons permitted to fish in the lake are:

- 1. Faculty, staff, students, and trustees of the college
- 2. Children (of any age) of those listed above when accompanied by a parent
- 3. Others permitted by the President

No fishing is allowed from the dock. Fishing is allowed from any bank with the restriction that no fishing is allowed within 100 feet of the dock. Fishing is not allowed during Sunday worship hours or the college chapel service.

Any student wishing to place a boat in the lake must secure permission from the Student Development Department. Gasoline powered motors are not allowed. Under no circumstances is there to be entry at any point other than the dock area.

Persons are discouraged from feeding the fish except at the dock area.

Vehicles are not allowed on the grass or parked on the dam. Littering the lake or shoreline is not allowed.

#### **Pool Regulations**

The pool will be open to Brewton-Parker College students, campers, graduates, and employees. Pool operating hours will be posted in the Student Activities Office. The pool may be closed for special events.

#### All swimmers must adhere to the following:

- 1. Students, campers, employees, and BPC graduates must show BPC ID upon request of the lifeguard.
- 2. Students may not use the pool unless a lifeguard is present.
- 3. The families (spouses and children ONLY) of employees and BPC graduates may use the pool.
- 4. An adult must accompany children under age twelve.
- 5. Employees may periodically bring guests to the pool, but must accompany their guests.
- 6. Everyone must shower before entering the pool and after each time sunscreen or tanning oil is applied.
- 7. Running in the pool area is prohibited.
- 8. No one other than the lifeguard is allowed on the guard stand.
- 9. Tossing, dragging, or pushing anyone in the pool is prohibited.
- 10. Glass objects are not allowed in the pool area.
- 11. Place all trash in trash barrels.
- 12. Do not play with the Safety equipment.
- 13. Game playing and use of floats is limited to times of minimum pool use and must be terminated at the request of the lifeguard.
- 14. The lifeguard is in control of the pool and enforces policies.

# **Local Resources**

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Lock City- Unlocking	
204 W Main Street	(478) 268-9181
Swainsboro, Ga 30401	
Dublin City Locks	
308 Regency Circle	(478) 290-2642
Dublin, Ga 31021	
Mount Vernon Auto & Towing	
208 E Spring Street	(912) 583-2250
Mount Vernon, Ga 30445	
Horne & Son Towing Inc	
1282 N Highway 19	(912) 523-8271
Glenwood, Ga 30428	
Georgia Department of Driver Services	
3092 Ga Highway 147	(678) 413-8400
Reidsville, Ga 30453	
Family Dollar Store	
110 E Spring Street	(912) 209-6742
Mount Vernon, Ga 30445	
Dollar General Store	
546 College Street	(912) 380-6030
Mount Vernon, Ga 30445	
Allcare Pharmacy	
115 Spring Lane	(912) 583-0066
Mount Vernon, Ga 30445	
Mount Vernon Drug Company	
115 Mount Vernon St	(912) 616-9922
Mount Vernon, Ga 30445	
Accordia Urgent Care	
3193 East First Street	(912) 537-8588
Vidalia, Ga 30474	
Meadows Regional Medical Center	

1 Meadows Pkwy	(912) 535-5555
Vidalia, Ga 30474	
East Georgia Healthcare Center	
118 Broad Street	(912) 583-2271
Mount Vernon, Ga 30445	
Oxley Dental of Vidalia	
1618 Meadows Lane	(912) 537-2238
Vidalia, Ga 30474	
Optim Healthcare	
3301 E 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Suite B	(912) 537-0888
Vidalia, Ga 30474	
Mount Vernon Bank	
101 S Railroad Street	(912) 386-4700
Ailey, Ga 30410	
Altamaha Bank & Trust Co	
1726 Mt Vernon Rd	(912) 537-9452
Vidalia, Ga 30474	

## **Rehabilitation and Treatment Agencies**

Anchor Behavioral Hospital Willingway Hospital 5454 Yorktowne Dr. 311 Jones Mill Rd.

Atlanta, Georgia 30349 Statesboro, Georgia 30458

(770) 991-6044 (912) 764-6236

Midtown Behavioral Hospital Pineland MH/MR/SA

811 Juniper St. NE John's Place Atlanta, Georgia 30308 4 West Altman Dr. (404) 881-5800

Statesboro, Georgia 30459

(912) 764-6129

Metro Atlanta Recovery Residences 2801 Clearview Place Heart Ministries Recovery for Women

Doraville, Ga. 30340 (706) 356-3434 (770) 457-1222 FAX: (706) 356-0211

Coliseum Psychiatric Hospital Coastal Harbor 340 Hospital Drive 1150 Cornell Ave.

Macon, Ga. 31201 Savannah, Georgia 31406

(478) 741-1355 (800) 628-4244

River Edge Behavioral Health Center Georgia Regional Hospital 175 Emery Hwy 1915 Eisenhower Dr. Macon, Ga. 31201 Savannah, Georgia 31416

(478) 751-4519 (912) 356-2396

Detox Program in-patient 14-day Alcohol and Drug Center Empower Counseling & Consulting of Atlanta 3575 Fulton Mill Rd. 6742 Jamestown Dr.

Macon, Georgia 31206 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

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