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Following two years of functioning under a new plan of procedure which employs a full-time administrative representative to investigate, screen, and present cases for hearing, the Sub-Committee on Student Discipline recently reviewed its functions and formally adopted 10 points of policy for its guidance in the treatment of disciplinary problems of undergraduate students. Some of these are reiterations of long standing policy while others have been established during the past two years. They are:

- I. The committee will exercise jurisdiction in cases of student discipline in accordance with University statutes and rules or authorization from the Senate Committee on Student Discipline, and in so doing will attempt to achieve these objectives:
  - A. Protection of the best interests of the individual
  - B. Protection of the best interests of the University
  - C. Consideration of the effect on society of any particular decision which may be made
- II. In considering and disposing of cases the committee will take action only when the essential facts are fully known.
- III. The committee will not substitute its feelings or judgment about an individual for facts which can be adduced by reference to an appropriate University agency or staff member. Primarily the Health Service and Counseling Center will be relied upon, but not to the exclusion of other agencies or individuals, either within or without the University.
- IV. In the consideration of any case, when a need for further facts or information becomes apparent, ection will be deferred so that in the end a fair and reasonable decision can be made.
- V. The Security Officer will be encouraged to obtain all necessary facts about cases which come to his attention, and personally to dispose of those which in his judgment do not require the attention of the committee.
- VI. Cases which have been disposed of initially by the Security Officer will not be brought before the committee for confirmation or action unless the Security Officer deem such procedure desirable.
- VII. In all cases involving below standard moral behavior an attempt will be made to apply appropriate remedial measures to the individual, unless the conduct of the andividual was so serious that the application of such measures is obviously not feasible.

VIII. The committee does not consider itself to be a court, is not bound by any of the formal procedures or rules of evidence adhered to in courts of law and is not bound, in arriving at a decision, by any disposition which may have been made of a student case by civil or original authorities.

- IX. The committee will hear any person who wishes to make a statement either on behalf of or against a student, including legal counsel, but such legal counsel will not be permitted to speak or appear in place of the student.
- X. The committee will be guided but not bound by action taken or penalties imposed in the past: Each case will be disposed of in what appears to a majority of the committee as the most appropriate manner.