



**POLICY STATEMENT**

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**SUBJECT:** Student Threat Assessment Team

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Threat Assessment Team is to promote the safety, health and welfare of the university community through a proactive, collaborative, coordinated, objective and thoughtful approach to the prevention, identification, assessment, intervention and management of situations involving students who pose, or may reasonably pose, a threat to the safety and well-being of themselves and/or other members of the university community, or who display behavior that may be a substantial disruption of university activities. The team does not function in lieu of the police or other emergency personnel, nor does this policy conflict with or negate the university's workplace violence plan.

**II. POLICY**

The team meets as needed to assess (with input from other pertinent professionals as needed) reports of students who present behaviors that are potentially or actually harmful to themselves or to others, and who may be disruptive to the educational process. The team recommends appropriate responses (e.g., counseling, Student Conduct Code charges) that recognize the rights of all parties. The recommendations support university policies including, but not limited to, the Student Conduct Code.

The team core membership consists of the Director of University Police, the Director of Student Development and Counseling, the Director of Judicial Affairs and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. All, or part of, the core membership convenes on an as-needed basis and may seek and consider input from other professionals when appropriate.

**III. REFERRALS**

It is the responsibility of the university community to report any situation that could possibly result in a threat to the safety and well-being of others on campus. Any member of the university community who may become aware of such a situation should report the matter to their immediate supervisor or to any member of the team.

#### IV. IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of this policy will be effective March 1, 2011.

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