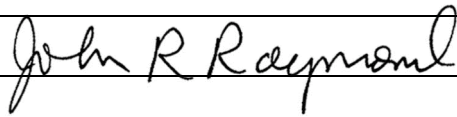


**MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST  
POLICY MEMORANDUM**

		MEMORANDUM ID:	AA-2007-01-STUDENTS
TITLE:	STUDENT ARREST POLICY		
ORIGINATOR:	EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL	DATE:	MAY 2, 2006
REVIEWED/APPROVED:	DATE:	SIGNATURES:	
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**I. RATIONALE:** A MUSC student is a representative of our University and his or her profession whether engaged in academic, research, or purely social pursuits, on or off of MUSC's campus. As stated in the MUSC Honor Code, "the health care professions require men and women of impeccable character who can live private and professional lives that exemplify high standards of moral conduct." The protection of vulnerable patient populations is of utmost importance to the Medical University and the clinical sites where our students complete clinical requirements for completion of their academic program. The Medical University must be informed and be prepared to take appropriate punitive or corrective action when students are involved in inappropriate conduct or activities involving moral turpitude that could tarnish MUSC's reputation through illegal acts.

**II. POLICY:** Should a student be arrested or formally charged with any infraction of the law other than minor traffic violations and misdemeanors, the offending student shall report such violation or charges to his or her respective Dean within two university/college business days of the offense. The Dean will determine an appropriate corrective or punitive action and grant the student an opportunity to be heard. After consultation of the Dean with the Provost, the decision of the Dean will be final.

**III. GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES:**

1. Upon reporting of the arrest by the student or learning about an arrest from other sources, the Dean or his or her designee will consider the seriousness of the possible infraction and notify the student in writing of the actions to be taken.
2. The MUSC Student Policy for Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention should be adhered to for cases involving a misdemeanor or other crime involving the use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcohol or any other drug. This policy covers the reporting, treatment, and possible punitive procedures to be used in these cases.
3. If violations fall into the scope of the Student Honor Code or the University Sexual Harassment Policy, those policies may also apply and should be consulted prior to a final decision.
4. Depending on the severity of the charge, the Dean may require special conditions of the student for continuation of his/her program of study, or may suspend the student until a final resolution of the charges are made.
5. Should the student plead guilty, nolo contendere, or be convicted of a felony or an offense involving moral turpitude, the Dean may expel the student from the College.
6. Students who fail to report violations or charges will also be subject to conditional study, suspension or expulsion as will students whose violation or charges are reported to the University through other legitimate sources.
7. If deemed appropriate, the Dean may also set conditions for reinstatement of students who are expelled or suspended.

**IV. ACCESS**

The Arrest Policy will be available from the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. It will be distributed digitally and by hardcopy to all units reporting to the Provost, and be maintained on the Provost website [www.musc.edu/academic](http://www.musc.edu/academic). The policy will also appear in the Medical University Bulletin (on the Medical University website) and the MUSC Student Handbook. The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost will be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the policy. The policy will be reviewed for revision as needed. This memorandum is a public document and has no restriction for distribution.