



Office of the Dean  
School of Medicine

**Policy Title:** Policy on the Council on Student Professional Conduct

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**(if applicable)**

**Policy Statement/Purpose:**

The School of Medicine has a standing committee, The Council on Student Professional Conduct (CSPC) to review allegations of student unethical and/or unprofessional conduct. The committee has representative faculty and student membership, defined scope of responsibility, and written rules of procedure.

**Policy Directives:**

**I: Membership**

The Council is a standing committee of the LSUSOM-NO.

1. There are sixteen student representatives on the Council. Each class elects four representatives from its general membership. Student representatives are elected from the L1 class any time after their regular class officer elections. Student elections are facilitated by the student co-chair. Students generally serve for all four years of enrollment provided they remain in good academic standing and desire to continue in the role.
2. The faculty members on the Council are basic science and clinical faculty representatives who are appointed annually by the Senior Associate Dean for Faculty and Institutional Affairs. In addition, a representative from the Chancellor's Office, who provides liaison support to the LSU Health administrative offices and services if needed, serves in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

3. Chairmanship of the Council is shared by one elected student and one faculty. The student co-chair is elected for a 1 year term, usually in senior year, but may be re-elected for subsequent terms. The faculty co-chair is appointed for a term of 3 years. If a co-Chair is unable to serve, the vacancy will be filled by a member of the CSPC appointed by the student or faculty co-chair depending on which co-chair is unable to serve. The student vice co-chair may fill in for the student co-chair should the co-chair be unavailable.

## **II: Scope of Responsibility**

4. The CSPC is responsible for investigating and hearing complaints of academic misconduct defined as any action, omission, or failure to act by a student that relates to the academic task for which a student will be evaluated by the LSUSOM-NO faculty and/or an affiliate, or relates to the professional conduct standards of the school, department, profession, and or field in which the student is studying, including but not limited to improper or inappropriate use of social media in a professional setting. Concerns of possible Title IX violations, power based violence, nonacademic misconduct, or discrimination, bias or legal infractions are to be referred to appropriate health sciences center official or committee and are not the purview of the CSPC.
5. Council members are required to recuse themselves from any investigation or hearing with which they may have a conflict of interest. Students from the same class as the student under consideration are automatically recused.
6. The CSPC follows written rules of procedure that are available on the Office of Student Affairs website.