

## **PREFACE:**

Coppin State University is a community where people of diverse backgrounds and philosophy live in harmony, accept personal responsibility for their actions, and respect the rights of others. In order for this community to thrive, tenets of behavior must be strongly valued and clearly understood. To accomplish these goals, the University must require certain standards of behavior. The University standards of conduct do not replace or relieve the requirements of civil or criminal law. Throughout this document, your rights and your responsibilities as a member of the Coppin Community will be described. Your first responsibility as a member of this community is to read this document carefully and to full understand what is expected of you as a member of this community.

The Student Code is based on respect of others, the environment, the mission of the University, and the rights and responsibilities of community membership. The cornerstone of the Student Code is consideration and responsibility. Students are expected to respect the rights of all members of the University Community. In order to protect the rights, the following policies have been established together with the sanctions which are likely to be imposed in the event that a violation is found by the appropriate university official or duly authorized Judicial Board. You are expected to become familiar with the policies, take responsibility for your actions, be sensitive to and considerate of those around you. Being a member of the Coppin State University Community is a privilege which carries with it responsibility for upholding this Code. All students are accountable for their behavior and shall not behave in a manner which infringes on individual or group rights or jeopardizes the health, safety of individuals or property.

## **ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

1. The term "University" means Coppin State University.
2. The term "student" includes all persons taking courses at the University, both full-time and part-time, pursuing undergraduates, graduate, or professional studies and those who attend post-secondary educational institutions other than Coppin State University, and who reside in University residence halls. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have

continuing relationship with the University are considered "students."

3. The term "faculty member" means any person hired by the University to conduct classroom activities.
4. The term "University official" includes any person employed by the University, performing assigned administrative or professional responsibilities.
5. The term "member of the University community" includes any person who is a student, faculty member, University official or any person employed by the University. A person's status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Vice President for Student Life.
6. The term University premises" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used, or controlled by the University.
7. The term "organization" means any number of people who have compiled with the formal requirements for University recognition.
8. The term "judicial body" means any person or persons authorized by the Vice President for Student Life to determine whether a student has violated the Student Code and to recommend imposition of sanctions.
9. The term "Judicial Advisor" means a University official authorized on a case-by-case basis by the Vice President for Student Life to impose sanctions upon students found to have violated the Student Code. The Vice President for Student Life may authorize a judicial advisor to serve simultaneously as a judicial advisor and the sole member or one of the members of a judicial body. Nothing shall