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SFA Good Samaritan Protocol

A. Good Samaritan Protocol

- a. Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) believes that student well-being is a vital component of student success. To enhance this, SFA has developed the Good Samaritan Protocol which hopes to support student well-being by providing educational opportunities for students following emergency situations involving alcohol and drugs.
- b. The following Students may be eligible for Good Samaritan status
 - i. Students needing personal assistance due to alcohol or drug consumption or who offer help and/or provide assistance to others who are experiencing an emergency due to alcohol or drug consumption; AND
 - ii. contact the appropriate officials during an emergency involving alcohol or drug consumption (i.e. Police, 911, Campus Living Staff, etc.);
- c. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students or designee reserves the right to apply the Good Samaritan Protocol, and/or the Student Conduct Process regardless of the incident or the manner in which the incident was reported.
- d. The SFA Good Samaritan Protocol works in parallel, but separate to, Texas' 911 Lifeline Law (Tex. Alco. Bev. Code §§ 106.04(e), .05(d)) which provides limited immunity to individuals under the age of 21 who seek help from emergency services or law enforcement due to an alcohol-related emergency. Note this law does not cover drug-related emergencies.
- e. The SFA Good Samaritan Protocol does not nullify or prevent police or legal action.

B. Good Samaritan Process

- a. Students who possibly qualify for Good Samaritan status may be notified to meet with the Director of Student Conduct and Outreach or designee. The purpose of the meeting is for the Director of Student Conduct and Outreach or designee to acquire more information regarding the incident.
 - i. After the meeting has concluded, the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students or designee will determine if the Student is eligible for Good Samaritan status.
 1. If the student is determined to be eligible for Good Samaritan status, the Student will be provided Educational Assignments to complete. These Educational Assignments may include, but are

not limited to, completion of a seminar, written assignment, alcohol or drug assessment, and/or presentation. Students who meet with the Director of Student Conduct and Outreach and complete the Educational Assignments will not be charged for an alcohol or drug related violation of SFA Policy 10.4 (Student Code of Conduct). Students who are granted Good Samaritan status will have the incident noted on their Student Record, but will not have the incident noted on their Disciplinary History. Therefore, the incident would not be noted on the student's transcript and there would be no disclosure of the incident outside of the University without the written permission of the Student, unless required or allowed by law.

2. If a Student fails to attend the meeting, fails to complete the Educational Assignments, or is determined to be ineligible for Good Samaritan status, the Dean of Students Office may charge the Student for a violation of SFA Policy 10.4 (Student Code of Conduct).