

# McNeese State University

**“ANTI-HAZING POLICY”**



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### Introduction

Students at MSU are expected to be partners in the process of fulfilling the mission of the University by creating and maintaining standards within student groups, team and organizations that are conducive to personal growth and development. If student groups, teams, and organizations are to play an integral part in University's plan, they must set standards that challenge each individual to achieve his or her greatest potential. Hazing is the antithesis of this goal, in that it attempts to tear down the feelings of individual pride and self-esteem of the individual, supposedly in order to create some esprit de corps in the group.

### Definition

Hazing is defined here as any activity sponsored by or any method of initiation into a group, team or organization which is likely to cause, or does cause mental or physical discomfort or embarrassment, or places any person into demeaning or physically dangerous situation. Hazing in state colleges and universities is a violation of the law and is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, as well as by dismissal from the University. (La. R.S. 17: 1801). It is also a violation of the MSU Code of Student Conduct Article 3.14.

Activities or actions which are coerced or required are explicitly prohibited include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Any activity that might bring physical or psychological harm to an individual or animal.
2. Paddling, beating, slapping, branding, burning with a cigarette, or any such activity which is life threatening to the individual or are intended to hurt or to humiliate physically or mentally or otherwise permitting under graduate or alumni members to hit any person.
3. All forms of physical activity not part of an organized, voluntary athletic contest, or not specifically directed toward constructive work.
4. Required members to wear any degrading or uncomfortable garments.
5. Depriving member of the opportunity for sufficient sleep (8 hours per day minimum), decent and edible meals, or access to means of maintaining body cleanliness.
6. Activities that interfere in any way with any individual's academic efforts; e.g.-causing excessive fatigue, loss of sleep, or loss of reasonable study time.
7. Activities that interfere with an individual's employment or family obligations.
8. Requiring members to consume alcohol and/or drugs to provoke nausea or inebriation.
9. Forcing, coercing, or permitting students to eat or drink foreign or unusual substances such as raw meat, raw eggs, salt water, onions, etc. which is distasteful or designed to provoke nausea.
10. Having substances such as eggs, paint, honey, etc., thrown at, poured on, or otherwise applied to the body of any person.
11. Morally degrading or humiliating games or any other activities that makes an individual the object of amusement, ridicule, or intimidation.
12. Kidnaps, road trips, etc., which are conducted in a manner that endangers the health or safety of any person.
13. Subjecting an individual to cruel and unusual psychological conditions for any reason.
14. Any requirement which compels an individual to participate in any of the above named types of activities, or in any activity which is illegal, perverse, publicly indecent, contrary to the individual's genuine morals and/or beliefs, excessive fatigue, public profanity, indecent lewd conduct, or sexual gestures in public.
15. The use of obscenities and vulgarities in dress, language, or action.
16. Any form of verbal harassment, any action or situation which subjugates an individual to a condition where he/she might tend to lose self-respect or suffer injury to personal or religious values.
17. Coercing a member to commit any action, which is in violation of the University's Code of Student Conduct.

### Enforcement

Violations of the Anti-Hazing Policy should be reported to the Office of Student Services or University Police for appropriate disciplinary action. Infractions of these regulations will result in disciplinary procedures being initiated according to the regulations prescribed in the University's Code of Student Conduct. Violations of law will be handled in accordance with the criminal court system.

# **MEMORANDUM**

**August 19, 2004**

**To: The University of Louisiana System**

**From: McNeese State University**

**Re: Ant-Hazing Policy Dissemination Plan**

**McNeese State University disseminated the Hazing Policy in the following manner:**

- 1. All orientation students receive a copy of the code of Student Conduct which prohibits hazing.**
- 2. All organization Presidents receive a copy of the Anti-Hazing Policy.**
- 3. All organization Presidents sign an oath on behalf of the organization which prohibits hazing.**
- 4. Copies of the Anti-Hazing Policy are available in the Student Union Office.**
- 5. Post to web.**

# McNeese State University Hazing Oath

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of  
(Organization President)

\_\_\_\_\_, swear on my

organization's honor that I will not allow, or participate in "Hazing" of members or pledges in any manner whatsoever. I have received a copy of the McNeese State University policy concerning hazing and have had an opportunity to ask questions and fully understand the policy.

I acknowledge that if a hazing incident should occur, I will report such incident to the Dean of Student Services.

I acknowledge that any violation of the McNeese State University Hazing Policy will result in disciplinary action and may result in expulsion from the university.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

This oath was completed at \_\_\_\_\_am/pm, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.