

Office of Student Conduct

Agreement to Mediate

1) Role of the Mediator

The mediator is not a judge and does not have any decision making power. The agreements that are reached in mediation will be facilitated by the mediator and will be acceptable to both parties. The mediator is not an attorney and can not give any legal advice. The mediator(s) is an impartial third-party and equally represents the best interest of the disputant(s). The mediator does not have a vested interest in the outcome of the mediation.

2) Voluntary Nature of Mediation

Participation in mediation is voluntary and requires a good faith commitment to negotiating an agreement. Either myself or the other disputant(s) can terminate or suspend the session at anytime, for any reason. The process can be terminated by the mediator if the mediator feels that the parties are not participating in good faith.

The mediation is a deferral from the student conduct process. Therefore termination of the mediation process, by me, the other disputant(s), or the mediator, may lead to the processing of a student conduct case. Termination of the mediation process will not affect the outcome of the Student Conduct process.

3) Confidentiality in Mediation

Mediation is confidential and the mediator is not allowed to disclose the content of the discussion. If an agreement is reached, the signed agreement may only be shared with professional need-to-know individuals. The mediator can not be called as a witness in the more formal student conduct process. The information that originates during the mediation can not be introduced in the student conduct process.

4) Exceptions to Confidentiality

Confidentiality does not apply to threats or intents to cause myself or another bodily harm, harassment, child abuse and neglect, and disclosure of felony criminal activity.

5) Mediated Agreement

By voluntarily entering into mediation and signing an agreement, I am agreeing to abide by the terms of that agreement. Failure to abide by that agreement could result in being referred to the Office of Student Conduct for resolution.

By signing this agreement to mediate, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions of the mediation process, agree to participate in mediation with the intention of resolving all issues, and understand my rights in the process.

Disputant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mediator's Signature: _____ Date: _____