



ALL-CAMPUS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

An Introduction to ACJC Proceedings *for witnesses*

The All-Campus Judicial Council (ACJC) is a student organization authorized by the University and the Students' Association to handle violations of the University's student conduct standards. ACJC provides a true jury of one's peers: *students* determine whether the accused student or student group is responsible for the alleged violations and *students* decide on the appropriate sanctions for those found responsible. Because ACJC performs most of its work through direct accounts from witnesses and respondents, the Council places paramount importance on hearings. Please take the hearing you are asked to attend seriously.

ACJC relies heavily upon the account of witnesses to make its determinations about the responsibility of the accused. As a witness, you will be asked to provide information regarding the events in question. Then you will be questioned by the Council, and then by the respondent (the accused party), to clear up any confusion in your testimony or to elicit additional information. You have the right to decline to answer questions, but you may not be less than truthful in any responses you do give.

Hearings are non-adversarial and non-confrontational. If you are particularly apprehensive about testifying, the Council can make appropriate changes to the procedure to prevent direct questioning and the like. Call the Dean of Students Office ahead of time or speak to the Chief Justice immediately before the hearing. In the hearing, the Council may pose any questions to you it wishes, but you have the right to decline to answer.

Please arrive at the hearing on time. Business casual attire is appropriate. At the hearing, after introductions, you may be asked to wait outside the hearing room in the outer office until the Council is ready for your testimony. Be assured that the Council respects your time and will receive and excuse you as soon as possible. Hearing duration varies depending on the nature and complexity of the case. Most hearings last about an hour. You may wish to bring something to read while you wait.

For more information about ACJC and the University's student discipline process, pick up a copy of *A Student's Guide to the All-Campus Judicial Council* in the Dean of Students Office or visit us on the web at the address at the bottom of this page.

Thank you for participating in this process!

Hearings are held in Wilson Commons, Suite 510, unless otherwise noted.