

Spring 2021 Mid-Semester Statistics Report 1/1/2021 to 3/16/2021

This report presents University Judiciary Committee (UJC) case statistics for the twenty-one (21) cases which were adjudicated from the period beginning 1/1/2021 and ending 3/16/2021. As recorded by the UJC case processing system, these included complaints filed on various dates ranging from October 2020 to February 2021. This report was publicly released on March 20, 2021 by a unanimous vote of the Voting Members of the UJC, pursuant to Article III, Section D of the UJC By-Laws.

These data do not include cases which have been accepted but have not yet been adjudicated. As of March 16, 2021, the UJC docket includes another twenty-four (24) pending cases.

The UJC receives more complaints than it accepts as cases, with a small number of complaints being dismissed each semester due to lack of jurisdiction, exceeding the statute of limitations, or other reasons. Complaints can be filed by any community member against any University student or student group at ujc.virginia.edu. Cases which are accepted can be resolved either by trial or by Hearing Panel.

In instances where an accused party is found guilty of violating one or more of the University Standards of Conduct, the elected student judges of the trial panel may assign no sanction, one sanction, or multiple sanctions. Sanctions are determined on a case-by-case basis, and trial panels take aggravating and mitigating factors into account. The UJC's mission while sanctioning is to maintain and promote a community of safety, respect, and freedom.

Throughout the 2020–2021 academic year, the UJC has been working to implement a secure data collection system to allow individuals involved in cases to self-report demographic data. The system is not yet functional, so data reported here rely on limited information from the University's Student Information System (SIS). In the future, the UJC aims to have even more comprehensive demographic data.

More detailed information about all of the UJC's procedures, the current Committee, and statistics from past semesters can be found at ujc.virginia.edu. Please direct any inquiries to the UJC Chair, whose contact information can be found on the website.

The University Standards of Conduct

UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 1. Physical assault of any person on University-owned or leased property, at any University sanctioned function, at the permanent or temporary local residence of a University student, faculty member, employee, visitor, or in the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle County, or Prohibited Conduct, as defined in the University of Virginia Policy on Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment and Other Forms of Interpersonal Violence.
- 2. Conduct which intentionally or recklessly threatens the health or safety of any person on University-owned or leased property, at a University sanctioned function, at the permanent or temporary local residence of a University student, faculty member, employee or visitor, or in the city of Charlottesville or Albemarle County.
- **3.** Unauthorized entry into or occupation of University facilities which are locked, closed to student activities or otherwise restricted as to use.
- 4. Intentional disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, other University activities, or activities authorized to take place on University property.
- 5. Unlawfully blocking or impeding normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on or adjacent to University property.
- 6. Violation of University policies or regulations referenced in **The Record**, including policies concerning residence and the use of University facilities.
- 7. Alteration, fabrication, or misuse of, or obtaining unauthorized access to University identification cards, other documents, or computer files or systems.
- 8. Disorderly conduct on University-owned or leased property or at a University-sanctioned function. Disorderly conduct is defined to include but is not limited to acts that breach the peace, are lewd, indecent, or obscene, and that are not Constitutionally protected speech.
- **9. Substantial damage** to University-owned or leased property or to any property in the city of Charlottesville or Albemarle County or to property of a University student, employee, faculty member, or visitor, occurring on University-owned or leased property or at the permanent or temporary local residence of any student, faculty member, employee or visitor.
- **10.** Any violation of Federal, State, or local law, if such directly affects the University's pursuit of its proper educational purposes and only to the extent such violations are not covered by other Standards of Conduct and only where a specific provision of a statute or ordinance is charged in the complaint.
- **11. Intentional, reckless, or negligent conduct** which obstructs the operations of the Honor or Judiciary Committee, or conduct that violates their rules of confidentiality.
- **12.** Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting under provisions 1-11 set above. This shall include failure to give identity in situations concerning alleged violations of sections 1-11.



Case Statistics

Item	Count	
Cases adjudicated 1/1/2021 to 3/16/2021	21	
" against students	17	
" against organizations	4	
" related to COVID-19 policy	17	
Total number of accused students	53	
" alleged to have violated COVID-19 policy	42	
Total number of accused organizations	4	
" alleged to have violated COVID-19 policy	4	
Total number of Hearing Panels granted	9	
" in UJC cases	2	
" in FYJC cases	7	
Mean case processing time*	81.0 days	
Median case processing time	90.0 days	
Cases adjudicated in 14 days or less	0	
Cases adjudicated in 15 to 28 days	1	
Cases adjudicated in 29 to 42 days	udicated in 29 to 42 days 0	
Cases adjudicated in 43 to 56 days	4	
Cases adjudicated in 57 or more days	16	

* Case processing time reports the number of days between the date a complaint was filed and the date the same complaint was adjudicated. It includes the period of time between semesters when classes are not in session (i.e., summer and winter breaks).



Demographics

Accused Students 1/1/2021 to 3/16/2021	Count	Percent of Total			
Gender*					
Female	18	34.0 %			
Male	35	66.0 %			
Data Not Available	0	0.0 %			
TOTAL	53	100.0 %			
Race/Ethnicity [†]	·	- ·			
African American	1	1.9 %			
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.0 %			
Asian	2	3.8 %			
Hispanic	0	0.0 %			
Multi-Race	7	13.2 %			
Native American or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0 %			
Non-Resident Alien	0	0.0 %			
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	1	1.9 %			
White	42	79.2 %			
TOTAL	53	100.0 %			
Accused Organizations 1/1/2021 to 3/16/2021	Count	Percent of Total			
Type‡	·				
Contracted Independent Organization (CIO)	0	0.0 %			
Fraternal Organization Agreement (FOA)	4	100.0 %			
Special Status Organization (SSO)	0	0.0 %			
Agency Organization	0	0.0 %			
TOTAL	4	100.0 %			

* Gender data reported from the University's Student Information System (SIS). The Institutional Research and Analytics unit of the Office of the Provost only reports these three categories.

[†] Race and ethnicity data reported from SIS. The Institutional Research and Analytics unit of the Office of the Provost only reports these nine categories. Individuals reporting multiple options are reported under the Multi-Race category.

[‡] The UJC classifies student organizations into four primary categories. CIOs are student clubs affiliated with the University through a CIO contract. FOAs are Greek-letter social fraternities and sororities affiliated with the University through an FOA contract. SSOs include the University Guide Service, the University Board of Elections, Student Council, Class Councils, etc. Agency Organizations include University Programs Council, the Honor Committee, the UJC itself, and Residence Life.



Sanctions*

Туре	Cases Used	Notes	
Essay	12	42 essays at an average length of 744.0 words each (31,250 words total)	
Change to house/apartment COVID guidelines	4	Includes mandatory guest lists, drafting new social guidelines, revising house policy, etc.	
Educational program	5	Involving 11 students and 1 organization	
Community service	4	3 group projects plus 100 hours	
" in abeyance [†]	1	200 hours total	
Presentation delivery	4	Includes research and delivery of reflective, educational presentations to peers or faculty	
Conversation with RA, Dean, or Advisor	6	Involving 8 students and 2 organizations	
Probation	1	Involving 1 student	
" in abeyance [†]	2	Involving 3 students	
Suspension	0		
" in abeyance [†]	2	Involving 5 students and 1 organization	
Expulsion	0		
" in abeyance [†]	1	Involving 1 student	

* The student judges of a UJC trial panel may assign no sanction, one sanction, or multiple sanctions for a given case. This table reports selected sanction data, reporting the most common categories. Some sanctions are not shown to preserve anonymity. Sanctions from cases currently under appeal are also not shown.

[†] Sanctions held in abeyance can be enacted if the accused party returns to the UJC for another violation.



Standards*

Standard	Times Alleged	Found Guilty	Found Not Guilty
1	0	0	0
2	27	7	20
3	0	0	0
4	0	0	0
5	0	0	0
6	46	45	1
7	1	1	0
8	0	0	0
9	1	1	0
10	2	2	0
11	0	0	0
12	5	5	0
TOTAL	82	61	21
TOTAL involving COVID-19 policy	78	57	21

* Standards data from cases currently under appeal are not shown.



Infographic*



* A larger PDF version of this infographic can be found on the UJC website.