

# Webber International University

## North Carolina Campus

<b>Disruptive and/or Threatening Behavior in a Class</b>	<b>Original Approval: November 28, 2000</b>
	<b>Approved By: St. Andrews Faculty</b>
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### **Policy on Involuntary Withdrawal from a Course for Disruptive and/or Threatening Behavior**

1. **Normally**, a student **will** receive a warning on the first instance of classroom behavior which a professor, in his/her professional judgment, deems disruptive of the educational process, **or overtly threatening with respect to** the professor and/or the students.
  - a. This warning **will** be documented-in a written notice to the student, the student's advisor, the Dean of Students, and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
2. If the **disruptive and/or threatening** behavior **recurs**, the professor may request that the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs involuntarily withdraw the student from the course.
3. A student who has received notice of involuntary withdrawal from a course **for disruptive and/or threatening behavior** may appeal in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
  - a. The written appeal to the Associate Dean must take place within 48 hours of the **involuntary withdrawal notice, which shall be either hand-delivered to the student by the Assoc. Dean, or sent to the student via campus email, which is the officially approved means of campus communication.**
4. **In the event that a student's disruptive or threatening behavior is considered by the professor to be of such an egregious nature that immediate action is called for, the professor is encouraged to summon a campus security officer to remove the student from the classroom. In such an instance, the professor may request that the Associate Dean immediately withdraw the student from the course.**

**Implementation responsibility:** Dean of Academic Affairs

**Policy review cycle:** At least every three years

**Compliance:** Mandatory

**NOTE:** In amending and reaffirming this policy, the faculty recommends: (1) that the institution ensure compliance with the SACSCOC requirement (Principles p. 17, 25, and 39) that a "policy or procedure is in writing and has been approved through appropriate institutional processes, published in appropriate institutional documents accessible to those affected by the policy or procedure, and implemented and enforced by the institution" and (2) that Campus Safety and Security personnel be made aware of this policy.