# 

STUDENT HANDBOOK
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# Welcome to SAGU American Indian College!

### **Greetings Warriors!**

Allow me to officially welcome you to SAGU AIC. I cannot even describe in words how excited I am, along with the rest of our administration, faculty, staff, and returning students that you are here! We believe that God has a call on every single one of your lives and this is the perfect place to allow Him to help you uncover your destiny.

Whether you came to SAGU AIC for Business, Education, Bible, Church Leadership, General Studies, or Interdisciplinary Studies, the one thing we all have in common is that we are disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. You will be educated here, trained here, discipled here, and you will GROW here! Just like actual, physical growing pains that we experienced as we were growing up, they were uncomfortable at times. It is no different when you are growing professionally, personally, relationally, and spiritually. To help with this growing process, our handbook has been created and is in place. You will find information about the history of SAGU AIC, our mission and purpose, information pertaining to academics, campus life, student ministries, spiritual life, and so much more. Please keep in mind that the information provided in the Student Handbook isn't to make life more difficult while at SAGU AIC, but to provide you a tool to use and a map to follow while here. It's to assist you in your growing and discipleship process.

I personally am an alumnus of this wonderful school and it would take books upon books of writing to tell you and describe the wonderful work God did in my life while I was a student. Upon my arrival I didn't know anyone, wasn't sure what to expect and was unfamiliar with the campus. By the end of my experience as a student, I called friends family, had some of the best and most exciting years of my life, and called this campus my home. I pray you have even a better experience than the great one I had during my time here. I want to encourage you to remember why you are here. Stay focused on your relationship with God, your academics, and all your collegiate responsibilities. Trust Him, and He will empower you and strengthen you to experience success in everything you do here at SAGU AIC. I cannot wait to see what God does in your life. To stand on the graduation stage with you, shake your hand and say, "Congratulations Warrior! You did it!"

A recipient of God's grace,

Rev. Nick Zamorano

**Director of Student Development** 



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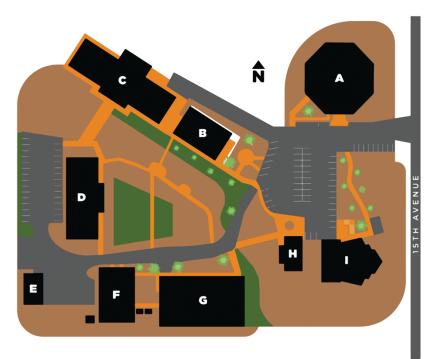


### **DISCLAIMER**

The online version of the Student Handbook is provided for the convenience of the College community. It is intended to provide current policies, procedures, descriptions, and other information pertaining to the College's student life. SAGU American Indian College (SAGU AIC) reserves the right to change the provisions of this on-line handbook at any time without advanced notice, including but not limited to, all programs and requirements. Changes to the on-line student handbook are published as they are approved.







### A. LEE ACADEMIC CENTER

Administrative Dean of the College, Department Liaisons, Faculty Offices, Counseling, & Classrooms

### **B. GANNON DORMITORY**

### **C. WASHBURN**

Dorm Rooms, Library, Computer Lab, & Warrior's Den

### **D. DINING HALL**

### **E. MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

### F. CREE STUDENT UNION

Student Development, Res Life, Student Government, Security

### **G. SCOTT ACTIVITY CENTER**

### **H. ATHLETIC OFFICES**

### I. CHAPEL/ ADMINISTRATION

FIRST FLOOR: Receptionist, Office of the President, **Registrar & Financial Aid SECOND FLOOR: Chapel, Enrollment** 





# **Finding Your Way Around**

SAGU AIC may be a new place to you, and we want you to get used to your environment soon. If you need more information about getting around the neighborhood, the Valley of the Sun, or beyond, just ask the Student Life staff. We have included a little bit of basic information. This will help you get started with life at SAGU AIC.

**Campus** – We believe you will enjoy the SAGU AIC campus. It is a pleasant place, located near lots of employment opportunities, with entertainment and shopping facilities close by. We are right on the local bus route, and not far from the major traffic arteries you will use to get around town.

# **Buildings:**

### **Charles Lee Academic Center**

The Lee Academic Center is an octagon shaped building opened in 1993. It contains classrooms, science labs, faculty offices, and offices for the Administrative Dean of the College and a faculty center. It is named after Charles Lee (Navajo), founding pastor of Mesa View Assembly of God and former SAGU AIC faculty and board member.

### T.E. Gannon Dormitory

The Gannon Dormitory provides student housing on two floors since 1984. Most on-campus students live in this building. It is named in honor of Theodore Gannon, who served as Director of the Assemblies of God Division of Home Missions and Chairman of the SAGU AIC Board of Directors.

### Alta Washburn Building

The Alta Washburn Building was the first structure on campus (1971). It is named for the founder of our college. The wings of the two-story building provide dormitory housing. The upper and lower floors of the central part of the building contain the Dorothy Cummings Memorial Library and a Computer Lab. Washburn currently serves as the housing for approved upper classmen, some staff, and the Ignite School of Ministry Students.

### Warrior's Den

The Warrior's Den is located in the Washburn Building. It serves as a study spot and hangout for SAGU AIC students, providing coffee, snacks, other refreshments and school merchandise. It was built by volunteers from the U.S. Mission America Placement Service (U.S. MAPS), a ministry of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.

### **Donald and Virginia Ramsey Cafeteria**

The newest building on campus (2000) provides a fully equipped kitchen and cafeteria with seating for 232. The Ramsey's planted churches on the Navajo Reservation before coming to SAGU AIC, and Brother Ramsey was President of the College for several years. It was under his leadership that we moved to our present location.

### **Gene Martin Maintenance Building**

This building is in the far southwest (downhill) part of the campus. The purpose of the maintenance building is property and vehicle maintenance. In 2004, it was named in honor of Gene "Grandpa" Martin, who served for many years in our maintenance department. No student should enter the building without permission of the maintenance staff. Students desiring to use the area in and around the shop making auto repairs, working on personal items must work under the direction of the maintenance supervisor.

### **Rodger Cree Student Union**

The Student Union, built in 1991, contains a student lounge and other Student Services facilities, as well as the current offices of the Assemblies of God Native American Fellowship. Rodger Cree (Mohawk) pastored Native churches for many



years and has served as an Assemblies of God General Council Presbyter and SAGU AIC board member. The Cree Student Union is available for student activities. Scheduling is done through the Director of Student Development.

### Charles W. H. Scott Center

This is a modern gymnasium used for physical education classes, intramural programs, and other activities. Brother Scott was Director of the Division of Home Missions, and SAGU AIC board member for many years.

### Henson Chapel/Administrative offices/Business Office

The Henson Memorial Chapel, completed in 1978, was named for longtime friend and supporter of SAGU AIC, Clyde Henson. The chapel seats 250. The upper level also houses the Enrollment Office and Student Life. The lower level contains the financial aid office, Director of Institutional and Student Services office, as well as the President's office.

### **Access**

There are handicapped facilities throughout the campus. There are ramps for access to the Henson Chapel and the Lee Academic Center and all dormitories. The parking lot designates handicapped spaces. Restrooms are available in the Henson Chapel, Cree Union, and Lee Academic Center and all dormitories. Continued attention to accessibility is a goal of SAGU AIC, to ensure sensitivity to the needs of all.

### Student Life Staff

# The Director of Student Development

Responsible for the housing functions on the campus and the Student Leadership. All student activities will be approved through this department.

# The Residence Director (RD)

Oversees the living areas on campus. This person is a full-time staff member who is responsible for communications and security in the halls, as well as compliance with campus regulations. Maintenance matters should be reported to the RD.

# Resident Assistants (RA)

The Student Life staff members with whom you will likely have the most contact. They are SAGU AIC students working to make life better for all our residents. Your RA's are among the first people to greet you each semester, and they are available in your dorm throughout the school year.

# **Student Leadership**

# **Associated Student Body (ASB)**

The ASB does the planning of much of our student social activity. It encourages spiritual life, fosters school pride, promotes school spirit, and builds school loyalty. Its representatives are responsible to the groups that select them, and to the entire campus community. The members of the ASB consist of the President and Vice President of each class and of the Off Campus Association. The administrative representative is the Director of Student Development. The ASB Constitution and By-laws provide direction to the ASB in the election of officers and conducting of business.

### **Executive ASB Committee**

The members of this committee are the ASB President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. They give guidance to the ASB, and conduct necessary business between ASB meetings.



### **Class Officers**

The officers for each class consist of the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. These officers are responsible for conducting meetings with their classes, for the purposes of communication and planning.

### **Off Campus Association**

Students living away from the SAGU AIC campus are represented by membership in the Off-Campus Association. For ASB purposes, this association is regarded as a class.

### WHO TO SEE AT SAGU AIC

Absences, Classes Course Instructor

Academic Mentoring Student Learning Center "The Lab"

Academic Reports Director of Institutional and Student Services

Accidents Resident Director, Campus Security, Director of Student Development

Admissions Requirements
Campus Clubs/ Organizations
Career Opportunities

Admissions Office
Student Life Office
Assistant to the President

Change of Class Schedule Director of Institutional and Student Services

Chapel Attendance Student Life Office

Counseling: University Counselors, Student Life Office, Resident Director, Resident Assistants

Academic Instructors, Advisors Financial Financial Aid Office

Personal University Counselors, Instructors, Administrators, Student Life Office Spiritual University Counselors, Instructors, Administrators, Student Life Office

Career Assistant to the President

Degree Requirements Director of Institutional and Student Services

Dropped from Class Instructor, Director of Institutional and Student Services Emergencies Campus Security, Resident Director, Student Life Office

Examinations Course Instructor

Facilities Use Assistant to the President

Fees Director of Institutional and Student Services

Financial Aid Financial Aid Office
Fundraising Permit Application Student Life Office

Grades Director of Institutional and Student Services
Graduation Director of Institutional and Student Services

Health Services Student Life Office

Housing Concerns Resident Director, Resident Assistants

Loans Financial Aid Office

Lost and Found Campus Security, Administration Reception

Maintenance Concerns Maintenance Department

Marriage University Counselors, Student Life Office

Placement Testing Assistant to the President, Student Learning Center "The Lab" Reporting Crimes Campus Security, Resident Director, Student Life Office

Scholarships Financial Aid Office
Signs and Posters Student Life Office
Singing Groups Student Life Office

Student Employment Director of Institutional and Student Services

Traffic and Parking Campus Security, Student Life Office

Transcripts Director of Institutional and Student Services

Warrior Care Director of Student Development

Withdrawal from Class Instructors, Director of Institutional and Student Services

Withdrawal from School Director of Institutional and Student Services



### HISTORY AND TRADITION

### **SAGU AIC**

SAGU AIC is the direct result of SAGU's outreach to plant an instructional site in Phoenix, Arizona, in direct response to the request of AIC to explore whether two institutions of like mission could work together. Following on the heels of a successfully implemented 'teach-out' program in the spring of 2016 for students who were formerly enrolled in AIC, SAGU designed and secured permission from its regional accrediting association and the state of Arizona to offer academic programs at the AIC location beginning with the fall 2016 semester. Today, in accordance with its institutional statement of purpose, SAGU AIC continues an historic and effective training ministry that equips Native Americans and an ethnically diverse student population for Christian service, emphasizing biblical truths and academic excellence within a Christian community.

AIC was originally founded in 1957 by missionary Alta Washburn who saw the great need to prepare Native Americans for church ministry. During its years of development, AIC successfully added an Associate's degree in Business and a Bachelor's degree in Education. In time the school achieved regional accreditation with Higher Learning Commission until the transition of 2016. Today SAGU AIC alumni include pastors, educators, business professionals, tribal leaders and others who are bringing positive change to their communities.

### **SAGU**

SAGU's history is one of passionate vision, cooperative efforts, ministry and missions' effectiveness, and academic growth to accommodate its institutional purpose.

Three Bible schools formed Southwestern Bible Institute. Southwestern Bible School was established at Enid, Oklahoma, in 1927 under the leadership of the Reverend P. C. Nelson, a brilliant man, who also authored the Assemblies of God doctrinal textbook "Bible Doctrines." Shield of Faith Bible School (Rev. Guy Shields), was founded in Amarillo, Texas (1931). The third, Southern Bible Institute in connection with the Richey Evangelistic Temple and Rev. J. T. Little, began at Goose Creek, Texas (1931) and later moved to Houston in 1933.

In time these three schools merged and occupied the main campus in Waxahachie, Texas, in 1943. In 1944 a junior college division was added and received regional accreditation in 1968.

This operated until 1988 when the junior college and the Bible College divisions were united under the title of Southwestern Assemblies of God College, and regional accreditation for the College was established in 1989. Southwestern began its distance education program in 1984.

During its developing years Southwestern came under the ownership of eight Assemblies of God Districts: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Texas, South Texas, and West Texas. During the 1990's the school experienced an unprecedented rate of student growth. In December 1994, the Board of Regents unanimously approved the name change to Southwestern Assemblies of God University, and authorized the development of the Thomas F. Harrison Graduate School to provide master's degree programs.

During the first fifteen years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, SAGU's rate of facility growth to service its student population took on amazing proportions. In 2004, the University restructured its academic organization to recognize two colleges under the University umbrella: the College of Bible and Church Ministries, and the College of Arts and Professions. In 2013 the University adjusted its college identities again, dividing into the College of Bible and Church Ministries, the College of Business and Education, and the College of Music and Communication Arts. In 2015, SAGU was approved by regional accreditation as a Level V institution authorized to offer doctoral programs.



# **Statement of Purpose**

SAGU American Indian College is a Bible-based institution for theological and professional studies. It is rooted in the great commission of Jesus to "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" and to "make disciples of all nations…teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Mark 16:15a; Matthew 28:19, 20), which is the primary emphasis of SAGU American Indian College's parent body, the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

The purpose of SAGU American Indian College is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students spiritually, academically, professionally, and cross culturally so as to successfully fill evangelistic, missionary and church ministry roles and to provide quality educational and professional Christian service wherever needed throughout the world.

### Statement of Faith

SAGU AIC embraces and supports the doctrinal teaching of the General Council of the Assemblies of God as set forth in Article V, Statement of Fundamental Truths of its Constitution. The following statements summarize these doctrines.

### We Believe

- ....The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16).
- ....There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19).
- ....In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (John 1:1).
- In the blessed hope the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming (Titus 2:13).
- ....The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (John 14:6).
- ....Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (Titus 3:5).
- ....In water baptism by immersion (Matthew 28:19).
- ....The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (1 Peter 2:24).
- ....The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.
- ....In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Galatians 5:16-25).
- ....In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation (Revelation 20:11-15).

### **Statement of Core Values**

### **Bible-based Education**

God is the ultimate source of all knowledge and truth and has revealed Himself in Scripture; therefore, SAGU AIC is committed to the authority of the Bible and the integration of biblical values in all academic disciplines. The pursuit of truth and its application in every area of life comes through understanding the Word of God and knowing Christ. The University intends that students will deepen their understanding of Scripture and develop well-founded theological convictions for a life of Christian service through a carefully selected core of Bible and theology curriculum.



### **Academic Excellence**

SAGU AIC is a university devoted, under God, to the pursuit of truth through the use of the mind. Students, therefore, are encouraged to bring their minds in submission to Christ and fulfill their responsibilities as stewards, and work for the integration of thinking and learning in the framework of a Christian worldview. Students are encouraged to develop their minds and intellects in the pursuit of knowing Christ and His creation and seeking God's direction as they choose a vocation or career path.

### **Spiritual Formation**

SAGU AIC is committed to fostering spiritual formation among students that produces life-long spiritual growth and character development. Students are encouraged to develop their understanding of biblical faith, increase their desire to know and serve God, and develop personal integrity and character by applying biblical values to their lives. Warrior Worship and local church participation is emphasized because worship is an important element in the University's strategy for spiritual formation.

### Missions-mindedness

SAGU AIC is founded on the belief that every believer has a personal responsibility for the Great Commission. SAGU AIC intends that students will embrace missions-mindedness as evidenced by life-long personal involvement in world evangelism, a life of intercessory prayer for the lost, personal witness, contributing resources to world evangelism, and a willingness to go into full-time missionary work (if called by God) or, at a minimum, participate in a short-term mission trip.

### **Pentecostal Distinction**

SAGU AIC is committed to an environment that encourages students to experience Spirit baptism according to Pentecostal theology to obtain additional power for witness, personal edification through speaking in tongues in private prayer, and additional enablement through spiritual gifts, while continually pursuing spiritual formation and a Spirit-formed character. The University also encourages the operation of the gifts of the Spirit in worship services according to the scriptural directive.

# **Servant Leadership and Ministry**

SAGU AIC's mission is founded on the belief that God intends every believer be actively involved in ministry that reflects service and servant hood. Fulfilling the mission of the church requires all believers, no matter their chosen career and calling, to work in team-like fashion using their unique gifts and talents in churches and ministries around the world as pastors, board members, elders, deacons, and heads of creative ministries in the pattern of the servant ministry of Jesus Christ.

### **Community and Personal Wellness**

SAGU AIC is committed to the understanding that discipleship occurs in community and in relationship; therefore, students are encouraged to develop the social and relational skills needed to contribute to an affirming, loving, and giving community of believers. Additionally, students are encouraged toward emotional and physical health for the purpose of enabling long, faithful service unto God. Eating properly, sleeping adequately, exercising regularly, and sufficient rest properly honors God through the body.

# Some of the Traditions at SAGU AIC are:

### Homecoming

Homecoming, an annual event in the fall semester, is coordinated to welcome alumni back to our campus. A King and Queen are chosen from the student body.



# **Spring Banquet**

This event, sponsored by the Associated Student Body, is to celebrate the end of the academic school year, and to recognize all our outstanding graduates.

### Welcome Week

A time each semester where we "kick things off." The week is filled with activities to welcome everyone back to campus for another semester, especially our new incoming students.

# **Special Spiritual Services**

The Student Life office provides many special spiritual services each semester, such as Spiritual Saturation Week.

### **Mascot and School Colors**

The University mascot is a Warrior, and the school colors are black and red.





**Spiritual Life** 



# **Personal Spiritual Life**

"If we walk in the light . . . The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" 1 John 1:7. "Go and sin no more" John 8:11. "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit . . . and . . . you are not your own. For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. "As those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against any one, just as the Lord forgave you" Colossians 3:12-13. "Do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" Galatians 5:13. "The one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil" 1 John 3:7-8. "The LORD hates . . . a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that kill innocent people, a mind that thinks up evil plans, feet that are quick to do evil, a witness who lies, and someone who starts arguments among brothers" Proverbs 6:16-19. "Younger people should be willing to be under older people. And all of you should be very humble with each other. God is against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble. Be humble under God's powerful hand so he will lift you up when the right time comes. Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you" 1 Peter 5:5-7. "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than yourself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests but also for the interests of others" Philippians 2:3-4. "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength" Deuteronomy 6:5. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" Matthew 6:33. "Wisdom is the most important thing; so get wisdom. If it costs everything you have, get understanding" Proverbs 4:7. "Pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus. Do not hold back the work of the Holy Spirit" 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19. "Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). "Be filled with the Spirit" Ephesians 5:18. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15). "Yes, I am coming quickly" Revelation 22:20.

"Whoever has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying" Revelation 2:7.

# Philosophy of Ministry

Your life of ministry does not begin after you complete your college training and receive your diploma. It begins the moment you are born again and continues throughout your lifetime on earth. Ministry is all about honoring and glorifying God through serving Him with all that you have and all that you are. It is the natural outflow of your love for God, His church and the lost. It is the natural expression of your Christian life. Because we believe that all Christians are called to serve the Lord, the Church and the lost, we make no significant distinctions in our Student Ministries requirements based on your academic program. Whatever is your major, you are called to serve, and you will have plenty of opportunities for service while you are here.

Service that is pleasing to God demands that we take all our gifts, abilities, and skills, our mental and physical strengths, and teach them, train them, discipline them, bring them under our control and the control of the Holy Spirit in order to serve Christ and His Church. At SAGU AIC we minister while learning to minister. You will learn how to take principles learned in the classroom and use them effectively in practical service. Through student ministry, you will discover and begin to develop the spiritual gifts and abilities God has given you for serving Him. You will learn faithfulness, flexibility and cooperation with others. You will learn submission to authority, how to better deal with difficulties in the ministry, and how important it is to completely rely on God in your life and ministry.

# Warrior Worship (Chapel)

Warrior worship services are a vital part of SAGU AIC. The Holy Spirit moves powerfully through the anointed Word and worship to impact students. In Warrior Worship, students get a break to tune into God's heart and purpose, touch the Spirit's pulse on our campus and access current campus life information. It is time well spent in the presence of God and fellow believers for a life-changing experience.

<u>Warrior Worship Attendance</u>- Regular attendance will be required of all on-campus and online students who live on campus. Off campus undergraduate students who are taking courses on campus will also be required to attend Warrior



Worship, when you have a morning class. If your 1<sup>st</sup> class of the day meets after lunch, you will not be required to attend Warrior Worship that day.

Warrior Worship is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00am – 11:00am. Upon arrival, you will check in on the device or a Student Life staff will assist you with checking in. You may not check in anyone else but yourself. Warrior Worship begins at 10:00am. A student is considered absent 10 minutes after Warrior Worship begins.

You are required to stay the entire duration of the Warrior Worship service. Leaving before the end results in an absence. Students needing to leave should immediately notify the Director of Student Development.

An absence is excused when it is cleared with the Director of Student Development or Resident Directors. Attendance may be excused due to medical and/or family emergencies and school approved activities (Sports, Ministry, Student Teaching, etc.) Any school approved activities must be approved at least 24 hours prior to the planned missed Warrior Worship service. Any absence that is not cleared will be unexcused.

If you are not able to attend because of sickness, please see your Resident Directors to clear your absence. If your Resident Director is not available, please see your Resident Assistants. If they see fit that you are not able to attend, then you will be excused. If they see that you are able to attend, you will be required to attend Warrior Worship. If you are sick for (2+) days, the Resident Director may ask to take you to the hospital to be checked and get a doctor's note.

Warrior Worship attendance is recorded by the Director of Student Development's office. The office will attempt to routinely report to students the number of absences to date. Please understand however that it is your responsibility as a student to keep track of your own attendance. Excessive absences will result in penalty and loss of privileges for the students. The following scale will show how many total Warrior Worship and Community Connection (See Community Connections Pg. 19) **Grand Total sessions** you must attend.

40 - 50 Sessions*	Acceptable
35 - 39 Sessions*	Unacceptable – Student will be placed on Chapel Probation for the first 4 weeks of the next semester
0 - 34 Sessions*	Failure – Student will be placed on immediate Chapel Probation for the remainder of the semester and will be on Chapel Probation for the next full semester

<sup>\*</sup>This scale applies to students required to attend Warrior Worship every day. Students with work release will have a reduced number of Warrior Worship absences allowed. Reports are updated in the Director of Student Development's office and student inquiries into their record are welcomed.

<u>Warrior Worship Absenteeism</u> - will be treated with immediate and utmost concern. The Director of Student Development's office will keep accurate records of attendance and report individual Warrior Worship ratings to the individual student, and the President's Office.

If you are not able to attend Warrior Worship at all during the semester, you must follow the following steps:

- 1. Write an explanation essay on the reason why you are not able to attend
- 2. Attach it after filling out appropriate Chapel Release Form
- 3. If the reason is work related, please turn in a letterhead letter from the company signed and stating the exact times that you will be needed and a paystub from your last paycheck
- 4. Set up a meeting to meet with Director of Student Development to discuss issue
- 5. A meeting will be set with the Student Life Committee to make a final decision
- 6. Until the entire process is complete, you must still attend Warrior Worship services.



Warrior Worship Probation – At any time during the semester when a student's attendance falls to an unacceptable level, the Director of Student Development's office will place that student on immediate Chapel Probation. At the end of a semester, any student's attendance that falls to a failing level will be placed on Chapel Probation for the following semester as well. Two (2) consecutive semesters of failing Chapel attendance will place a student on suspension for the following semester. A student's chapel rating should be regarded seriously. Any unacceptable or failing rating negatively affects opportunities for ministry, as well as scholarships and awards. Students under "Chapel Probation" are not permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities, such as traveling groups, varsity sports, chapel leadership/music, school musicals/programs, summer/holiday tours, hold an office in the Associated Student Body, mission trips or engage in a school activity which puts them in a visible, public role during the time the probation is in effect.

<u>Warrior Worship Suspension</u> – Any student who fails to attend Warrior Worship at least 25% of any given semester will be suspended from SAGU AIC for the next regular semester. Additionally, students earning a failure chapel rating two consecutive semesters will be suspended from SAGU AIC for the next regular semester.

# **Warrior Worship Code of Conduct**

Weekly Warrior Worship services are an essential part of campus life at SAGU AIC. The possibilities are unlimited when students gather together with one heart to hear the message of God's Word, worship the living God in Spirit and truth and respond to His will for their lives. Testimonies abound of the mighty things God has done in students' lives during these services at SAGU AIC. That legacy continues!

An important part of preparation for ministry is the development of attitudes, practices, and behaviors appropriate for corporate worship with other Christians. Scripture emphasizes the importance of this with the exhortation, "Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (I Corinthians 14:39-40 NIV). To ensure a reverent atmosphere in which God can do what He desires through the power of the Holy Spirit, the following code of conduct for Warrior Worship at SAGU AIC will be enforced.

As you attend Warrior Worship, we urge you to come with an open mind and heart, expecting to be spiritually nurtured and challenged; engaging fully in worship and the preaching of God's word. We also encourage you to bring your Bible and take notes to help retain God's word for that moment.

Please **avoid unproductive, disrespectful behaviors**, such as: sleeping/slouching in Warrior Worship, studying or reading material unrelated to the service, distracting others during a service by talking, laughing or any other disruptive behavior, bringing food or drink into the Warrior Worship service, leaving prior to dismissal, not standing when asked or wearing head-coverings of any sort (including ear buds or headphones).

Students are to uphold spiritual integrity, so for that reason scanning and leaving Warrior Worship is not permitted. Students are also not permitted to sit in the chapel lobby during the Warrior Worship hour, regardless of whether they are attending or not, including worship through dismissal.

All students are subject to this code. When it is violated, the following steps will be taken:

- 1. A verbal warning may be given by a Resident Assistant, Resident Director, Director of Student Development, Staff, Faculty or Administrator. The warning may be formalized in writing and notification of the warning given to the Director of Student Development.
- 2. Repeated warnings may result in being counted absent for that day in Warrior Worship, conference with the Director of Student Development, and/or being fined, and/or placed on disciplinary probation.
- 3. **If the behavior continues**, the student will be asked to appear before the Student Life Committee for further action.



# **Special Evening Services**

SAGU AIC occasionally plans and conducts special evening services each semester. Spiritual Saturation Week and other special services are held to heighten the spiritual life on the campus. Attendance by ALL students (ON-CAMPUS AND OFF-CAMPUS) at these special services is required.

# Student Devotions "Community Connections"

Students who reside on-campus are to attend community connections with their dorm under the direction of the Resident Directors and Resident Assistants. A schedule will be provided at the beginning of the semester with all the dates of each Community Connection session. Students are always encouraged to maintain personal devotions. Devotions exist to promote the University's core value of spiritual formation, and community and personal wellness on the campus of SAGU AIC by building community through fellowship, peer accountability, discipleship and prayer. These weekly meeting times are strategically led by our Director of Student Development, Resident Director and/or student Resident Assistants who endeavor to create a unique experience where every resident is challenged and skilled to mature in the growth process. Student Devotions attendance is a part of Warrior Worship attendance.

# **Church Attendance and Student Ministry Involvement**

The administration faculty and staff endeavor to maintain a vibrant Christian atmosphere at SAGU AIC. Our Pentecostal heritage is perpetuated by our spiritual life program. All Students are required to follow the New Testament teaching of "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:23-25), by consistently attending Sunday morning and midweek evening services at an Assemblies of God church (if a different church is needful, contact the Director of Student Development.) Students are encouraged to pray for and participate in these services. Students are also expected to engage in practical Christian ministry while attending classes at SAGU AIC.

EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO REPORT HIS/HER CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT.

### Guidelines

- 1. Students are given up to 30 days after the start of the semester to decide where they wish to attend church for the semester. This is called a "Church Assignment" and should be recorded on the first church attendance report(s).
- 2. Students are expected to attend services at their chosen church assignment for the duration of the semester. One hour of ministry involvement per week is encouraged.
- 3. Students report their church attendance and ministry involvement on forms made available and collected during community connection time. Students who miss community connections that day for any reason must file their "Church Attendance and Ministry Involvement Report" at the earliest possible time with the Director of Student Development. Students who have accumulated excessive absences and /or failed to report will conference with the Director of Student Development.
- 4. Students will be given an opportunity to record their extracurricular service involvements in the church, campus, or community.

# **Ministry Groups and Outreaches**

You will have the opportunity to be involved in ministry through the various ministry groups that are sent out from SAGU AIC. Here are some examples of the ministry groups available at SAGU AIC:

# **Music Ministry**

These teams minister in Warrior Worship and also travel as representatives of the college in a variety of formats including recruitment and development.



### **Drama Teams**

These teams present exciting dramatic presentations of the Gospel on outreaches, in regularly scheduled services, and in local churches.

### **Children's Ministry**

These teams work in local churches, neighborhoods, and special services and events to win children to Christ.

### **Outreach Teams**

These teams travel locally and extensively to schools, churches and communities in cities, rural areas, and reservations to share the Gospel with the lost.

### **Internship Programs**

This is a program for ministry bound students. You will have the opportunity to spend several weeks during the summer months working under a pastor in a local church environment to help prepare you for full-time ministry.

### **Student Ministries Program**

SAGU AIC's primary objective is the training of individuals to enter worldwide Christian service. Supervised training is given to students in conjunction with their field of study. Therefore, Student Ministries complements academic study with essential practical training opportunities in Christian service.

All students are required to be faithful in Warrior Worship and church attendance. In addition, they are strongly encouraged to participate in local church ministries. Students are expected to be responsible and faithful to the pastor and church in which they serve. All students are encouraged to serve one hour of practical ministry per week.

Ministry means service. That's why Student Ministries holds up Jesus' life of servanthood as the authentic model for Christians to follow. Jesus stated: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." He also affirmed, "A student is not above his teacher (Jesus), nor a servant above his master." If we believe these truths, then Christians find their fulfillment in serving humanity in the redemptive plan of God. SAGU AIC desires to encourage student initiative and creativity to participate in and develop ministries that will take the whole gospel to the whole world.

# **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Any student representing the school in any activity must be in good standing academically and show excellence in both Christian conduct and Christian service. They must also be working satisfactorily toward paying any outstanding school bill. No extracurricular activities, either on or off campus, shall be scheduled for the weekend before midterms or finals. This includes all activities except regular student ministry assignments.



# **Academics**



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# **Class Attendance Policy**

Unlike some forms of learning, a residential program of education is designed as an in-class learning experience. In this instructional setting, the ability to pass examinations and complete outside projects is only a partial measure of the knowledge, skills, understanding and appreciation a student may or may not have. Therefore, it is absolutely essential for each student to establish and maintain regular and punctual class attendance. Students may leave class early only by special permission of their instructor. Those scheduled for chapel ministry generally need no more than 5 minutes for preparation.

Attendance is taken during every class meeting and begins on the first day each class begins for the semester. (Even if a student registers late for the class.) SAGU AIC's attendance policy takes into account the possibility that students may need to be absent from class on occasion due to serious illness or unavoidable circumstances. Absences which exceed the allowable number of times a class meets, regardless of the nature or reason for the absences, will result in the student being automatically administratively dropped from the course, receiving a grade of "WP, WF or WC" depending on the type of the class and what grade the student earned. (The student will be assessed the established course withdrawal fee.)

The following is a chart of allowed absences for undergraduate classes:

Frequency of Meeting	Developmental Classes	1000-1000 Level	3000-4000 Level Absences Allowed	
	Absences Allowed	Absences Allowed		
Classes meet three times	5% unexcused and	Cannot exceed 30%	Roll must be taken.	
a week	25% excused* or	or 12 per semester No minimum atte numbers are requ	No minimum attendance	
	2 unexcused and		numbers are required.	
	10 excused			
Classes meet two times a week	5% unexcused and	Cannot exceed 30%	Roll must be taken.	
	25% excused* or	or 8 per semester	No minimum attendance	
	1 unexcused and		numbers are required.	
	7 excused			
Nights/Weekends	5% unexcused and	Cannot exceed 30%	Roll must be taken.	
	25% excused* or	or 4 per semester	No minimum attendance	
	1 unexcused and	numbers are r	numbers are required.	
	3 excused			

<sup>\*</sup>Excuses will be approved by the Vice President for Academics.

If a class meets twice a week, when a student is late twice it qualifies as an absence. If a class meets three times a week, then three tardies constitute an absence. Students missing fifteen minutes of a class will be counted absent.

A student who is absent from a class is responsible to make the appropriate advanced arrangements with the



faculty member for possible make-up work. The faculty member will have the prerogative to determine if a student may make up any examinations or outside assignments due to a student's absence, along with the time frame in which the work must be completed. Students may receive reduced or no credit for work missed in class due to absence. However, no point reduction will be imposed upon a student's final grade for absenteeism.

### INFORMATION on the following subjects may be located in the University Catalog:

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS; SUSPENSION, COURSE REPETITION; STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR FINANCIAL AID; DROP CLASSES; WITHDRAWAL FROM SAGU; EXAMINATIONS, GRADE POINTS, INCOMPLETE WORK; HONORS; GRADUATION REGULATIONS; CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS; CLASS LOAD; COLLEGE CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

### **Academic Probation**

Students under "academic probation" are not permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities, such as traveling groups, chapel leadership/music, sports, school programs, summer/ holiday tours, hold an office in the Associated Student Body, or engage in a school activity which puts them in a visible, public role.

### Suspension

Any student who incurs academic probation two semesters in a row will be suspended. Please see Academic Catalog for further details.

### **Academic Dishonesty/Cheating**

Students are expected to be honest in fulfilling all academic requirements and assignments. This pertains to examinations, themes, book critiques, reading reports, and all assignments. A student will not be allowed to withdraw from a course if he/she is under investigation for academic dishonesty. In the event that the student is determined guilty for academic dishonesty, then the student will not be allowed to withdraw from the course and will receive a grade determined by the faculty member, either an "F" for the assignment and/or an "F" for the course. Dishonesty could result in further disciplinary action.

### **Student Rights with Regard to Education Records**

In compliance with Public Law 93-380, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you are hereby informed of your rights with regard to education records made at Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

- SAGU officials, who have legitimate educational interests, have access to the records. Officials of other schools in which the student seeks to enroll will have access to these records upon the written consent of the student.
- Also having access are authorized representatives of the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary, the Commissioner, and the Director of the National Institute of Education. In connection with a student's application for receipt of financial aid, access is granted to state and local officials or authorities to which such information is specifically required to be reported or disclosed pursuant to state statute adopted prior to November 19, 1974 (nothing in the paragraph shall prevent a state from further limiting the number or type of state or local officials who will continue to have access thereunder.)
- Access is granted to organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, educational agencies or institutions for
  the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, and
  improving instruction, if such studies are conducted in such a manner as will not permit the personal
  identification of students and their parents by persons other than representatives of such organizations and such
  information will be destroyed when no longer needed for the purpose for which it is conducted.
- Accrediting organizations will have access rights in order to carry out accrediting functions.
- Records may be viewed in compliance with judicial order or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoena, upon
  condition that the students are notified of all such orders or subpoenas in advance of the compliance therewith
  by the educational institution.



- Student records will be updated each semester enrolled and coursework with grades and total grade point average are figured for the semester's work.
- The student has the right to inspect his/her records maintained by SAGU. To do this the student must request the permanent record from the Registrar. Also, if the information contained in the file is determined to be incorrect, the right to a hearing to change, delete, or write explanations regarding the information in question will be granted. Should a file contain information on another student, only that information pertaining to the inquiring party will be provided.
- The student has the right to waive the option of reviewing recommendations for admission. The student opting to waive the right of inspection may sign the form "Student Waiver of Rights" provided in the Registrar's office or sign the "Waiver of Rights" provided on the front of the recommendation forms used for admissions purposes. The student is not required to waive the right of inspection and would in no case be refused admission, or any of the services offered by SAGU American Indian College, because of failure to sign the waiver.
- The student has the right to challenge the content of his/her education records. To do this, the student should request the form "Request to Amend or Remove Educational Record" from the Registrar's office. After completing the form, it should be presented to the Registrar, and in the event the request is not approved, a date of hearing will be set. The student may be present during the hearing and will be notified on the day of the hearing of the action taken. A scheduled fee is charged for a copy of a transcript.
- Students have until the last day of late registration to request that "Directory Information" be withheld from the public. Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, "Directory Information" includes a student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended. If one does not want the "Directory Information" made public, he/she needs only to sign the form, "Notice to Withhold Directory Information" that is available in the Registrar's office.
- This law does not grant the right to contest the grade given for the student's performance in a course, or the right to examine a teacher's grade book.

Questions regarding the rights provided by Public Law 93-380, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, should be directed to the Registrar's office.



# **Campus Services**



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### **Administration**

The administration has an open-door policy. Administrators are glad to talk with students when there is a need. However, a good rule to follow is to ask the individual you want to see if they are available. If he or she is unavailable at that time, an appointment may be scheduled.

### **Student Services**

The Student Services office should be contacted when a student is interested in applying for grants, scholarships, or loans. The purpose of this office is to help students obtain financial assistance from institutional, private, and government sources.

# **Summary of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)**

Students receiving aid must make measurable progress toward the completion of their course of study in order to continue to be eligible for these programs. The Higher Education Act mandates that institutions of higher education establish minimum standards of "satisfactory progress" for students receiving Financial Aid. All University coursework must be considered regardless of whether the student received federal Financial Aid at the time. Transfer students are considered to be making satisfactory progress upon enrollment at SAGU AIC because only grades of C or above are transferable. The standards for determining progress at SAGU AIC are comprised of the following components:

### **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

Undergraduate students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 as stated in the Academic catalog.

# **Time Frame Used In Measuring Progress**

All SAP measurements are calculated annually at the end of the Spring Semester for all programs. Financial Aid suspension will go into effect at the start of the following Fall Semester.

# **Financial Aid Suspension**

If a student fails to meet any one of the SAP measurements described above, he/she will be placed on Financial Aid suspension. During the period of suspension, the student will not be eligible to receive Financial Aid. Students will be notified of this via their campus email address.

### **Financial Aid Reinstatement Procedures**

To regain Financial Aid eligibility, a student must pay the expenses related to at least half-time enrollment (6 or more hours in a semester) during the period of suspension and satisfy all SAP requirements. After meeting all SAP requirements, the student must request reinstatement of eligibility in writing to the Financial Aid office.

# **Financial Aid Appeal Process**

If a student is placed on Financial Aid suspension he/she may petition the Financial Aid department to consider mitigating (special) circumstances that resulted in his/her inability to meet the SAP requirements. The appeal must be typed and must include the Suspension Appeal Form, an explanation with supporting documentation (i.e., medical statements, divorce documents, letters of unemployment, etc..) of the reason(s) the minimum academic standards required by Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy were not achieved. Additionally, each appeal must be submitted with a letter of endorsement from a SAGU AIC faculty/staff member. The appeal narrative and documentation should also demonstrate that the adverse circumstances have been resolved. All appeals will be reviewed within 7 business days of the Financial Aid office's receipt of a complete appeal (appeal form, student's appeal letter, endorser letter and supporting documentation).



Notification of the review will be sent via the campus email address. For appeals that have been approved, students will be placed on Financial Aid probation for one academic year beginning with the next Fall Semester. SAP will be calculated again at the end of the Spring Semester. If the cumulative standard is met students will be placed back in good standing. Students that meet SAP for the academic year, yet are not meeting the cumulative requirement, will remain on Financial Aid probation until the requirement is met. For students that have been denied there is another level of appeal. Student must request in writing a review by the Financial Aid committee. Appeals that have been approved at this level will be required to see an academic counselor in order to tailor the class schedule for student success.

### **Loan Exit Requirement**

Students who receive loans are required to complete a loan exit session during their last semester of attendance.

### Refunds

Before dropping classes or withdrawing from the University, students should familiarize themselves with the school's refund policy. See the section "Financial Information" in the current Academic Catalog.

# **Student Billing Services**

The Student Billing Office serves the students of SAGU AIC in all university-related financial matters:

- 1. Statements and payment reminders are sent out monthly to students via Lionmail and the email address provided in the FAFSA
- 2. Any credit balance on a student's account is processed as an overpayment check. These checks are mailed to the student within 14 business days from the day that the credit is created.
- 3. 1098-T tax forms are processed each year for students and parents. These forms are made available to students via their Lionmail and MySAGU Student Portal.
- 4. Student Billing clerks are available to counsel students about student bills, payment options, and any other financial questions that they may have.

# **Student Employment Procedures**

As part of your registration process, you will be informed if there is an amount owed on your school bill for that semester. This is a real obligation involving actual debt, not to be confused with a suggested donation to SAGU AIC. You will be directed to possible positions of employment on our campus. These jobs may be in any department within the College and may involve widely varied types of responsibilities. Two crucial things to remember are:

- 1. The more you can do for yourself, the more can be done to help you.
- 2. The sooner you respond, the better off you will be.

# Counseling

Academic advising is available through the student's department liaison. Should professional or pastoral counseling become necessary, that counseling may be arranged through the Director of Student Development.

### **Food Services**

All dormitory students may eat in the Ramsey Cafeteria. Room and board fees pay for this privilege. Off- campus students and their families may purchase a meal ticket. The cost of meals is posted at the beginning of each school year.



Weekly meals are normally served as follows:

Breakfast		Saturday	
Monday – Friday	7:30 am - 9:00	Brunch	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Lunch		Dinner	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Monday-Friday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Sunday	

**Dinner** Lunch 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Monday - Friday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Dinner 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

### **Health Services**

Native American students have access to area Indian Health Service facilities including Phoenix Indian Medical Center and Native American Community Health Incorporated. Referrals to other medical resources can also be obtained through the Residence Director or the Director of Student Development's office. Transportation will be provided only on an emergency basis.

### **WARRIOR CARE**

Warrior Care is a medical telehealth service to help with our student's physical and mental health needs. Warrior Care is a campus-wide program offering students around the clock access - anywhere in the United States - to get quality care and immediate treatment for medical or mental health concerns from board certified physicians and licensed counselors.

This service provides 24/7 access to quality care, access care from anywhere, even in bed in your dorm room, access even on vacation or home for breaks throughout the year, no wait time to see a physician or mental health provider, see a physician or mental health provider around your schedule and prescriptions are available if deemed appropriate by the provider.

Any illness is to be reported to the Resident Assistant and/or the Resident Directors who will help give guidance to the student regarding care and/or referrals to local health care agencies.

# Laundry

Laundry rooms include coin-operated washers and dryers. They are available for use Monday through Sunday.

# **Postal Services**

Letters may be mailed in the Administration Offices. Heavy mail should be weighed in the Financial Services Office to determine how much postage will be needed. Any packages weighing over one pound must be taken to the Post Office per postal regulations. If you receive a "Postage Due" notice, it is to be paid for in the Financial Services Office immediately. The office will forward only first-class mail when the student is absent from school. When unwanted mail is received, mark RETURN TO SENDER on it and place it with the outgoing mail.

### Recreation

The gymnasium will be open on a regular schedule, which will be published and posted by the Athletic Director. The Cree Student Union also has recreational facilities.

# **Sports**

SAGU AIC is a participating member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division II.



### **Resident Director's Office**

The women's Resident Directors office is located in the downstairs administration office and the men's Resident Directors office is located in the upstairs Student Life office area. Office hours will be posted at the beginning of each semester.

# **Telephones**

Public telephones are not available, and all personal calls should be made from personal cell Phones. Emergency phone calls may be made at the Director of Student Development's Office or the Resident Director's Office. Students are to inform their family that messages may be left with the Director of Student Development's Office by calling (602) 944-3335 215 or with the women's Resident Director by calling (602) 944-3335 x 228 or men's Resident Director at (602) 944-3335 x207.

# **Transportation**

Transportation provided by the college is very limited. All students are encouraged to use the city bus system for all normal transportation needs. College vehicles may be used for SAGU AIC functions, church, or emergency medical purposes.

# Library

The Dorothy L. Cummings Memorial Library has been equipped and furnished by many individuals and groups across the United States. It is a main source of information for help in studying. Early in the school year, students will be shown how to find information they need. Books in the Library are classified according to the Library of Congress system. The card catalog, the index to the library collection, is located in the computers. It can also be accessed through the SAGU AIC website. In addition to books, there are newspapers and magazines (periodicals), pamphlets, cassette tapes, and videos.

Conduct in the Library should be as follows:

- 1. The Library should be quiet and orderly at all times.
- 2. Keep any necessary conversation short.
- 3. Food and drinks are not permitted in the Library.
- 4. The Library telephone is not for student use, neither for incoming or outgoing calls.
- 5. Cell phones are not permitted in the library.

# **Hours of operation**

- Monday 8:30am 9pm
- Tuesday 8:30am 9pm
- Wednesday 8:30am 5pm
- Thursday 8:30am 9pm
- Friday 8:30am 3:30pm
- Saturday 11am 3pm

The library is closed on Sundays and holidays and during activities involving the entire SAGU AIC community, including Warrior Worship.

### Circulation of books

- 1. Books, videos and other materials may be checked out, with the exception of reference materials. Check out period is three weeks. Up to 15 books may be checked out at a time.
  - a. Reserve books may be used only in the library for a two-hour period. Only one reserve book may be checked out at a time.
  - b. Reserve books may not be taken from the library without the permission of the instructor.
- 2. Returning books: Books may be placed in the book drop or returned to library staff at the circulation desk. Books and magazines used inside the library should be left on a table or book cart for library staff to count and reshelve.



- 3. Requesting a book: If a book which a student needs is already checked out, the student may request to be notified when the book is returned. Inform the library staff at the circulation desk of the title and author of the requested book.
- 4. Overdue fines: Regular circulation fine is \$.10 per day for all materials.
- 5. Lost books: If a book has been lost, please inform the library staff. Cost of the book and a processing fee will be charged to the student's account. Transcripts and diplomas may be held for books not returned or paid for.

# **Student Computers**

Student use computers are provided for online research. Bring a flash drive to save documents. Class assignments may be printed on the printer behind the circulation desk free of charge.

# **Library Staff**

Librarians are available to assist students with research, to help in locating books, and to answer questions about the best choice of books or authors for a project. Let the librarians know of book titles you would like added to the library or services which students would find helpful.

### **Career Services**

Career Services provides resources and strategies for choosing a college major, developing career plans, creating a résumé, finding internships and full-time jobs, connecting with alumni, developing graduate school plans, and making successful career transitions. Career Services provides year-round service to students.

# Safety and Security

The Student Life Office works with a contracting agency for the security and safety of the campus for students, faculty/staff, guests and visitors. The annual Jeanne Clery Report is available at <a href="http://ope.ed.gov/security/index.aspx">http://ope.ed.gov/security/index.aspx</a>.

# Firearms/Fireworks Prohibited

All firearms, fireworks and unlawful weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited on campus and school sponsored events. Any items, including, but not limited to handguns, shotguns, rifles, knives, swords, daggers, katana, clubs, paintball guns, pellet and/or BB guns, archery equipment, homemade devices, and any other items deemed dangerous by the University. If any prohibited item(s) are found, they will be confiscated by Campus Security.

# Reporting Emergencies

During on-campus emergencies of any kind, the Director of Student Development can be reached by dialing 602.944.3335 Ext. 215. You can also reach the Resident Directors by dialing 602.944.3335 Ext. 207 or 228. In cases of imminent danger, or life-threatening emergencies, immediately contact Phoenix Police by dialing 911. For non-emergency criminal behavior or activity, contact Campus Security (overnights only), the Resident Director, the Director of Student Development, or any other Administrator of the University.

### **Threats and Harassment**

In keeping with the goal of a harmonious Christian community, as well as a healthy educational atmosphere, the following will not be tolerated at SAGU AIC: threats, intimidation, actions, defamatory language, public humiliation, and/or behaviors involving actual or implied physical peril. These include but are not limited to verbal assaults, written correspondence, email, texting, instant messaging, communication through social media, and creating a hostile environment.



All reports of threats and/or harassment should be reported to the Director of Student Development's office. Once reported, these will be given serious consideration. A full inquiry will be completed, and action taken, including immediate suspension if deemed necessary.

### **Emergency Notification System**

At SAGU AIC, we strive to provide proactive emergency notification that enhances campus personnel safety for our students, faculty, staff and parents. Our goal is to inform individuals of potential danger so that we can protect them, minimize loss and facilitate the return to normalcy as quickly as possible. The SAGU AIC Alert System is used by SAGU AIC to notify all campus personnel of an urgent situation or emergency. The system will contact individuals by either or all of the following methods: email, text or phone. All students are automatically registered in the SAGU AIC Alert System. Individuals may "opt out" of SAGU AIC Alert by filling out the proper form at the Student Life Office.

### **ID CARDS**

ID Cards are permanent and are made at the beginning of the semester. If a student needs to obtain a replacement card, he/she is required to pay the fee of \$10 with the President's Assistant in the Business Office and then take the receipt to the Student Life Office, and a new card will be printed. At any time SAGU AIC personnel and/or Security requests to see a student's ID badge, the student must comply with the request. It is important then for the student to keep their ID badge on their possession at all times. Student ID's are used for Campus Safety, Warrior Worship attendance, cafeteria entrance, and even campus security gate entry.

### **Automobiles**

These regulations govern the operation and parking of motor vehicles on property under the jurisdiction of SAGU AIC. They apply to all persons enrolled in one or more classes at SAGU AIC (including day and night classes, short courses, online classes, special courses, audits, etc.).

The automobile laws of the State of Arizona are declared to be in full force and effect on the campus. SAGU AIC's Student Life Department is empowered to communicate and notify proper law enforcement concerning these parking and traffic regulations. All city, state, and SAGU AIC traffic regulations and rules governing the use of motor vehicles must be complied with on all parts of the campus throughout all hours of the day and night. The Student Life Office shall have discretionary powers to enforce a policy of traffic on campus when the same is not specifically provided for by these regulations.

# **Parking Permits**

All students who park motor vehicles anywhere within the controlled areas (SAGU AIC campus and contiguous school property) must register their autos, trucks, trailers, and motorcycles with the Student Life Office.

No parking permit or security gate access sticker will be issued unless the Automobile Information Card is completely filled out.

Students may register their vehicle by coming up to the Student Life Office.

Parking permits will not be considered valid unless they are properly displayed on the vehicle according to the instructions provided by the Student Life Office. Only the valid permit will be allowed on the vehicle, all others must be removed. Upon receiving and properly displaying a valid parking permit as required by these regulations, the permit holder will be allowed to park on campus in designated areas. Students are not allowed to park in parking reserved for the handicapped, or visitor parking.

All motor vehicles or trailers parked on campus after the first week of school without properly displayed valid parking permits will be cited and fined.

Any student who brings a borrowed vehicle on campus must immediately obtain a temporary permit for the length of time that said vehicle would be parking on campus. Temporary permits will be issued for no more

than seven (7) days. One 7-day extension may be issued if the need still exists. After that, a regular permit must be obtained. There is no charge for a temporary permit.



### Liabilities

The holder of a parking permit assumes full responsibility for the vehicle for which a permit was issued, including all violations of campus traffic rules involving said vehicle at all times while the vehicle is on campus.

SAGU AIC assumes NO responsibility for the care and/or protection of any vehicle or its contents at any time it is operated, or parked, on this campus or at any location.

SAGU AIC reserves the right to impound, at the owner's expense, any motor vehicle or trailer parked on this campus which:

- 1. Does not have a valid state vehicle registration properly affixed to said vehicle.
- 2. Has been left parked on campus for more than thirty (30) days in an inoperable condition.
- 3. Has been cited repeatedly (3 or more times) for violations of campus traffic regulations whose owner refuses to contact the Student Life office for proper disposition of the citations.
- 4. Has been left parked on campus for thirty (30) or more days after a student's enrollment at SAGU AIC is terminated.
- 5. Is parked in a restricted area. The restricted areas are: a) Corners of drives and fire lanes. b) Crosswalks and walkways loading zones. c) Emergency or handicapped parking. d) In front of dumpsters.

### **Vehicle Insurance**

Each vehicle operated must carry current, appropriate, and valid insurance for said vehicle.

### **Late Night Entry**

For the common protection of our student population, Resident Hall entrances are locked promptly at the scheduled curfew times. On-campus students arriving thirty minutes after curfew are to report to their on duty Resident Assistant to gain entry to their respective Resident Halls. Reports of late entry will be forwarded to the Director of Student Development. Failure to comply with proper procedure will result in disciplinary action.

### **Fire Exit Routes**

Guidelines for emergency exit routes are posted in each of the facilities on campus.

# **Title IX Statement**

It is the policy of SAGU American Indian College to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination (including sexual harassment and sexual violence) based on sex in the University's educational programs and activities. Title IX also prohibits retaliation for asserting or otherwise participating in claims of sex discrimination. SAGU AIC and SAGU has designated Title IX Coordinators to coordinate the college's compliance with and in response to inquiries concerning Title IX. A person may also file a complaint with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights regarding an alleged violation of Title IX by visiting: www.ed.gov or calling 1-800-421-3481.

### What is Title IX?

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs and activities. All public and private schools receiving any federal financial assistance must comply with Title IX. Although Title IX is commonly associated with sex-based discrimination in athletics, the law is much broader. The act seeks to reduce or eliminate barriers to education opportunity caused by sex discrimination. The law states that:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in all university programs and activities, including, but not limited to, admissions, recruiting, financial aid, academic programs, student services, counseling and guidance, discipline, class assignment, grading, recreation, athletics, housing, and employment.



Sexual violence and harassment are forms of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX. This statute also prohibits retaliation against people for making or participating in complaints of sex discrimination.

For more information about Title IX, visit www.ed.gov.

To file a complaint or to ask questions about Title IX please contact:

Dr. Fred Gore, Title IX Coordinator

Vice President for Business and Finance, SAGU Main Campus fgore@sagu.edu

972-825-4630 ext. 4630

Ruth Roberts, Title IX Deputy Coordinator (All SAGU Campuses)

Director of Human Resources, SAGU Main Campus

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Joseph J. Saggio, Ed.D. **Administrative Dean of the College** <u>isaggio@sagu.edu</u> or (602) 944-3335 x244

Nick Zamorano, MA **Director of Student Development**<u>nzamorano@sagu.edu</u> or (602)515-8677

# SAGU American Indian College Sexual Assault Policy

The SAGU AIC policy strictly prohibits sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence, and discrimination within the University community. Harassment on the basis of sex is a violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This policy applies equally to all members of the SAGU community: students, faculty, administrators, staff, contract employees and visitors.

The mission of SAGU AIC is to educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values. SAGU AIC expects that all members of the University's community will conduct themselves in a responsible manner that shows respect for others and for the community at large. As a part of the larger community, SAGU AIC is subject to, abides by, and supports federal statutes, Arizona state statutes, and local ordinances regarding criminal conduct.

SAGU AIC is committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment conducive to the academic pursuit and healthy personal development of all students. It is the intent of the University to provide safety and support to victims of sexual misconduct. Reports of sexual misconduct will be taken seriously, and incidents will be responded to appropriately and in a timely manner.

This policy strictly prohibits sexual misconduct by a student whether occurring on or off campus. Policy provisions for faculty and staff are contained in the employee handbooks. The University encourages individuals who believe they have been the victims of sexual misconduct to pursue on campus and criminal action against the alleged perpetrator.

# **Definitions of Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence Crimes**

What is sexual violence? Sexual violence means physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will or where a person is incapable of giving consent. A number of acts fall into the category of sexual violence, including rape, sexual assault, sexual battery and sexual coercion. All such acts of sexual violence are forms of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX.

What is considered sexual assault? Sexual assault is any unwanted, non-consensual sexual contact against any individual by another. It often includes acts involving manipulation, physical force, or coercion. Here are some definitions relative to sexual assault: Domestic Violence - asserted violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former co-habitant, persons similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law. Dating Violence - violence by a person who has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim.



Whether there was such relationship will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of interaction. Stalking - a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his, or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. Consent is free and active agreement, given equally by both parties, to engage in a specific activity. Giving in is not the same as giving consent. Consensual sexual activity involves the presence of the word "yes" without influence or incapacitation of alcohol or other drugs, pressure, force, threat, or intimidation.

What is considered sexual harassment? Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Examples of behavior that could be considered sexual harassment or sexual misconduct include, but are not limited to unwelcome: (1) physical contact of a sexual nature including touching, patting, hugging, or brushing against a person's body; (2) explicit or implicit propositions of offers to engage in sexual activity; (3) comments of a sexual nature including sexually explicit statements, questions, jokes or anecdotes, remarks of sexual nature about a person's clothing or body, remarks about sexual activity, speculation about sexual experience; (4) exposure to sexually oriented graffiti pictures, posters, or materials; (5) physical interference with or restriction to an individual's movements.

### **Definition of Hazing and Failure to Report**

Hazing means any intentional knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization if the act:

- is "any type of physical brutality";
- involves any activity that "subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student";
- involves criminal activity;
- involves "coercing" a student to consume drugs or alcohol

### Failure to Report

A person commits a Class B misdemeanor if the person:

- engages in hazing;
- solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in engaging in hazing;
- recklessly permits hazing to occur; or has firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing
  incident involving a student in an educational institution, or has firsthand knowledge that a specific
  hazing incident has occurred, and knowingly fails to report that knowledge in writing to the Director of
  Student Development or other appropriate official of the institution.

### If You Are a Victim of Sexual Violence of Sexual Assault

- Go to a safe location as soon as you are able.
- Seek immediate medical attention if you are injured, or believe you may have been exposed to an STI/STD or
  potential pregnancy. Honor Health John C. Lincoln Medical Center provides sexual assault exams for victims.
  Honor Health John C. Lincoln Medical Center, 250 E. Dunlap Ave. Phoenix, AZ. 85020, (623)5805800Contact any of the following for immediate assistance:

### On Campus:

- Title IX Coordinator 972-825-4630 8 am to 5 pm, Monday Friday
- o Human Resources Director 972-825-4656 8 am to 5 pm, Monday Friday
- Campus Safety and Security Office 972-923-5400 24/7 hours, 7 days a week
- SAGU'S Campus Counseling Center\* 972-825-4721 8 am to 5 pm, Monday Friday
- Administrative Dean of the College (SAGU AIC) 602-944-3335 x244 8 am to 5 pm, Monday Friday
- o Director of Student Development (SAGU AIC)- 602-515-8677-8 am to 5 pm, Monday Friday
- SAGU AIC Resident Counselor\*- 602-944-3335 ext. 108 8 am to 5 pm, Monday Friday
- SAGU AIC Counselor on Call\*- 480-433-3071-8 am to 5 pm, Monday Friday
- Residential Life Office -602-944-3335 ext. 228 or 207 8 am to 5 pm. Monday Friday

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes that this resource is confidential



#### Off Campus:

- o RAINN: Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network\*: (800) 656-HOPE 800-656-4673
- Arizona Coalition to end Sexual & Domestic Violence\*: 602-279-2900
- o Domestic Violence\* 800-799-7233 24 hrs./7 days a week hotline
- Warrior Care Therapy Now\* SAGU's Telehealth program

\*Denotes that this resource is confidential

Note that campus officials may contact on-call staff from these departments when their offices are closed or they are otherwise unavailable to assist immediately.

If you are experiencing an emergency situation, you can call local police by dialing 911.

- In rape cases, the following steps need to be taken. It is important to preserve physical evidence that may include tissue and fluid samples, evidence of violence, sheets, towels, clothing, etc. You may choose to avoid washing, bathing, urinating, etc., until after being examined at a local hospital, if possible. Honor Health John C. Lincoln Medical Center, 250 E. Dunlap Ave. Phoenix, AZ. 85020, (623)580-5800. Because evidence of a sexual assault can deteriorate quickly, you may choose to seek a medical exam as soon as possible. Evidence collection should be completed within 120 hours of an assault, but fluids, hair samples, and DNA can be collected for a long time thereafter. Even if you have washed, evidence can often still be obtained. After 120 hours, it may still be helpful to have medical attention, even if you are not trying to obtain evidence of an assault. Sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) are trained in the collection of forensic evidence, and can check for injuries and exposure to sexually transmitted diseases. If you are still wearing any clothes worn during the assault, wear them to the hospital, but bring a change of clothes, as the hospital will keep the clothes you are wearing as evidence. If you have changed clothes, bring the ones you were wearing during the assault to the hospital in a clean paper (not plastic) bag or wrapped in a clean sheet. Leave sheets/towels at the scene of the assault. Police will collect them. Typically, police will be called to the hospital to take custody of the rape kit, but it is up to you whether you wish to speak with them or file a criminal complaint.
- Choose how to proceed. You have options: 1) Do nothing until you are ready; 2) Pursue resolution by the University; 3) Initiate criminal proceedings; and/or 4) initiate a civil process against the perpetrator. You may pursue whatever combination of options is best for you. If you wish to have an incident investigated and resolved by the University, students should contact the Residential Life office. Employees should contact the Human Resources office. University procedures will be explained. Those who wish incidents to be handled criminally should contact the Campus Safety & Security office or local police where the assault occurred. A campus official is available to accompany students in making such reports, if desired. Students should contact the Office of Student Development for more information and employees should contact the Human Resources office for more information.

#### **Reporting Procedures**

A report or complaint of sexual harassment or misconduct should be made to one of the individuals listed below via email, phone call, private meeting, or private, written correspondence.

Dr. Fred Gore, Title IX Coordinator

Vice President for Business and Finance, SAGU Main Campus

fgore@sagu.edu

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# **Rights of the Complainant and Respondent**

Will the Title IX staff be sensitive to the needs of victims/survivors? The Title IX staff will intentionally work to create a compassionate, sensitive environment to address the issues; offer an unbiased and transparent system for gathering facts; and connect all community members with appropriate support and resources.

Is there a time limit for filing a sexual violence or harassment report? There is no time limit for making a report. SAGU AIC encourages reporting an incident as soon as possible in order to maximize a prompt and effective response. The University does not, however, limit the time frame for reporting. If the respondent is no longer a student or employee, SAGU may not be able to take action against the respondent, but it will still seek to meet its Title IX obligation by taking steps to end the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects, when appropriate.

**Will my complaint remain confidential?** The University will make all reasonable efforts to keep and protect the confidentiality of all parties involved, provided that it does not interfere with the University's ability to investigate and take corrective action.

What will happen when a Title IX complaint has been made? Once a complaint has been reported, an official investigation will be launched with the intent to resolve the complaint within a reasonable period of time. This investigation would include opportunity for all parties to present witnesses and other evidence to prove or disprove the complaint. Once a resolution has been reached, all parties will be notified of the verdict and the appeal process. SAGU will take steps to prevent any recurrence and to correct its discriminatory effects on the complainant and others, if appropriate. It should be noted that once a complaint of sexual violence or harassment has been made, the University is obligated by Title IX to complete the investigation.

What are my rights as complainant (victim) or respondent (accused)? All members of the University community who have been involved in Title IX incidents are offered services provided by a counselor who does not provide counseling to any other person involved in a specific incident.

When processing complaints, SAGU will ensure equal access to the greatest extent practicable for students or employees of the institution who are persons with disabilities. SAGU will make reasonable efforts to consult with a disability services office, advocacy groups for people with disabilities, and other relevant stakeholders to assist the institution with complying with the institution's duties under Senate Bill 1735.

Both the complainant and respondent have the following rights when a sexual violence or harassment complaint has been made:

- To be treated with respect and dignity.
- To receive assistance from the University in reporting the incident to law enforcement, if desired.
- To receive information about the process used in the investigation and appeal.
- To receive information about counseling support available.
- To privacy to the extent possible consistent with applicable law and University policy.
- To have an advisor present throughout the investigation process.
- If both parties are enrolled in the same class, the option to drop class without academic penalties.
- To protection from retaliation and harassment while the disciplinary process is pending.
- To have reasonable and equitable access to all evidence.
- To choose whether or not to participate in the investigation process.
- To a prompt and thorough investigation of the allegations.
- To have a reasonable time to provide information, to the investigator.



- To raise any question regarding a possible conflict of interest on the part of any person involved in the investigation or verdict.
- To appeal the decision and any sanctions made by the investigators.
- To written notification of the verdict and the outcome of any appeal.

Someone has filed a complaint against me, what do I do? If the behavior is brought to your attention, apologize; ask for a description of what was offensive and who found it offensive. Consider the following actions: If you realize that you have been inappropriate, apologize as soon as possible. Change your behavior. Recognize that other steps may need to be taken. Be careful of inappropriate advice that would lead you to minimize or ignore this issue. Seek the advice of appropriate University resources. Attend sexual harassment training. Know the policy on sexual harassment.

#### Possible Sanctions for Students Committing Sexual Violence and/or Sexual Assault

A student who is found to have violated the SAGU Sexual Assault and Violence Policy may be subject to one or more of the following sanctions.

#### **Disciplinary Probation**

An official notification from the Student Development Office explaining the serious nature of the violation and outlining the terms of the disciplinary probation status. This condition serves to notify the student that he/she is not in good standing with the University for a stated period of time. Additional sanctions may be placed on the student during the time of probation. Any subsequent violation of University regulations during the probationary period will be evaluated within the context of the student's probationary status.

#### Mandatory Counseling, Discipleship, and/or Education/Treatment Programs

University personnel may require a person who has committed sexual assault or sexual violence to participate in mandatory counseling sessions through the SAGU Counseling Center or designated off-campus treatment facility. Participation in intentional Christian discipleship may also be required of students who violate the sexual assault and violence policy. Participation in on-campus or off-campus education and treatment programs may also be required.

#### **Restrictions from Extracurricular Activities**

A person who is found to have committed sexual assault or sexual violence may be restricted from participating in and attending any University sponsored event, program, activity, service assignment, and/or ministry occurring on-campus or off-campus.

#### **Community Service**

An individual who has committed sexual assault or sexual violence may be sanctioned to participate in a determined amount of community service or ministry hours at a location to be determined by SAGU personnel.

#### **Parental Notification**

When appropriate and in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, SAGU personnel may notify a student's parents as a sanction in the disciplinary proceedings regarding a violation of the Sexual Assault and Violence Policy.

#### Dismissal from the Residence Halls/Apartments

An official notification will be sent from the Office of Student Development and or Residential Life informing the student that his/her housing agreement has been terminated for a specified period of time. The student may also be restricted from visiting the residence halls or apartments.

#### **Move to Online Classes**

A student who is found to have committed sexual assault or sexual violence may be required to move to online classes to complete a semester or be restricted to taking only online classes for a specific period of time. The student may also have their campus access restricted or prohibited. A student who is required to transfer to online classes may be issued a criminal trespass order by the Student Development office.



#### **Termination of Student Employment or Training Assignment**

A student who is found to have committed sexual assault or sexual violence may be terminated from University student employment, or may be separated from their internship, student teaching assignment, or field-based training assignment.

#### Removal or Reduction of Institutional Scholarship

A student who is found to have committed sexual assault or sexual violence may have their institutional scholarship reduced or removed for a specified term or semester or for the duration of their University enrollment.

#### Suspension

An official notice will be sent from the Office of Student Development terminating the student's status from the University for a specified or indefinite period of time during which the student may or may not be permitted on campus. During the time of suspension, the student may be issued a criminal trespass order by the Student Development office prohibiting their access to the SAGU campus.

#### **Expulsion**

An official notice will be sent from the Student Development office permanently terminating an individual's student status from the University, including a possible restriction that the student will not be permitted on campus. An expelled student can be issued a criminal trespass order by the Student Development office prohibiting their campus access.

#### **Transcript Notation**

The Registrar's Office will place a notation on the official transcript of a student who is found to have committed sexual assault or sexual violence and whose individual student status is permanently terminated. If a student withdraws from classes during an investigation of sexual assault or sexual violence and the student has pending disciplinary charges, the disciplinary process will move forward even when the student withdraws. Upon request by another postsecondary education institution, SAGU will provide information relating to the determination by SAGU that the enrolled student violated SAGU's code of conduct by committing sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking.

If I have been the victim of, a witness to, or accused of sexual violence or sexual harassment what resources are available to me? All members of the University community who have been involved in Title IX incidents are offered services provided by a counselor who does not provide counseling to any other person involved in a specific incident.

# **Non-Discrimination Policy**

SAGU AIC does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, disability, age, veteran status, or any other protected legal status in matters of admissions, employment, housing, educational programs or activities, except as granted by waiver from the US Department of Education. The University operates in compliance with federal non-discrimination laws, including: • Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;

- Title VI and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

As a religious institution, the university is exempt from certain provisions and retains the right to make legitimate employment, admission, and educational decisions on the basis of religious tenets, consistent with applicable laws (Title IX statute, 1st Amendment, and Religious Freedom Restoration Act). Because of its affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and the Arizona Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, SAGU AIC qualifies for the religious exemption under 20 U.S.C § 1681(a)(3) and 34 C.F.R. § 106.12.

# Student and Employee Drug Policy Statement

SAGU AIC, in accordance with high Christian standards of living, is committed to maintaining a drug-free environment. In support of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, SAGU AIC has adopted the following policy statement as conditions of enrollment and/or employment:

1. As a condition of enrollment/employment, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance or alcohol is prohibited at any time.



- 2. The University will comply with all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.
- 3. The University makes literature available describing the health risk associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.
- 4. All students/employees found in violation of this policy will be referred to the office of Residential Life.
- 5. Students/employees are required to notify Campus Security, Dorm Pastor, Director of Student Development, or supervisor respectively of any known criminal drug statute conviction or violation occurring at the University immediately upon knowledge of such conviction or violation. (See Major Infractions.)
- 6. The penalty for violation of any of the above statements may be termination from enrollment/employment with referral given to the appropriate authorities for thorough prosecution.
- 7. The University will conduct an annual review of its program to
  - a. determine its effectiveness and implement changes if they are needed;
  - b. ensure that the sanctions developed are consistently enforced.

#### ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING POLICY

Those in violation of University standards, city ordinances or state or federal statutes regarding (a) the manufacture, possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs, synthetic drugs (K2 and other synthetic cannabinoids, bath salts, or products used in a similar manner), alcoholic beverages or tobacco products or (b) the abuse of medications not prescribed to the individual and use of alcohol on or off campus will be subject to disciplinary action, including possible suspension from the university.

Students at SAGU AIC are considered "in possession" and responsible for alcoholic beverages, illegal substances and prescription drugs not prescribed to the individual that have been determined to be on their person, in their possession, in their residence, or their vehicle. SAGU AIC reserves the right to check for compliance with its alcohol/drug policy by various means, including active and passive alcohol sensors, random drug tests, and room searches (see room search section for procedures regarding room searches). Any member of the University community who refuses to take a breathalyzer test and/or drug test, and/or refused to provide consent for SAGU AIC to be provided results of such tests (paid for by the student), will be considered to be in violation of the University's Alcohol and Other Drug Policy and could face possible suspension.

The University will consider testing when there is a reasonable cause. "Reasonable cause" for alcohol may include the odor of alcohol on a person's breath, slurred speech, glassy eyes, being unsteady or unstable on a person's feet and/or similar observations. Reasonable grounds for drug testing may include, but are not limited to: incoherent, erratic or violent behavior; drug-related odors on person, clothing, room or vehicle; sudden unexplainable drop in academic or work performance; possession of drug paraphernalia; previous positive drug screen results; being cited for substance abuse violations by University or legal authorities; a report that is provided by a reliable and credible source regarding use of illegal substance. All test costs will be the responsibility of the student.

If a student is suspected of being involved in any alcohol or drug-related behavior, the following steps may be taken:

- 1. A test will be given immediately and if results are positive, the following may occur, depending on the severity and number of occurrences:
  - A. Student will be placed on immediate probation and duration will be determined.
  - B. Up to 2 random tests during the current semester
  - C. 2 random tests during the next semester (blood alcohol content tests and/or drug tests)
- D. Refusing to take drug or alcohol testing will result in an appearance before the Student Life Committee for further action. Student will be immediately suspended if positive.
- 2. If any future tests return positive, student will face Student Life Committee or immediate suspension.



3. If the test result is negative, SAGU will reimburse the student for the cost of the test.

# **Missing Student Policy**

Every SAGU AIC employee and student has a duty to report a person believed to be missing to the Student Life office at (602) 944.3335 Ext. 215. The Student Life office immediately investigates any report of an individual missing from campus.

It is the policy of the University to provide each student residing in student housing facilities the opportunity of identifying an individual to be contacted by the University in the event that the student is determined to be missing for a period of more than 24 hours. The students will provide this information during the residential hall check in process at the beginning of each semester. The student will be advised that his or her "missing student" contact information will be registered confidentially, will be accessible only to authorized university officials, and may not be disclosed except to those officials and enforcement personnel engaged in a missing person investigation.

After investigating a missing person report, should the Safety and Security Department determine that the student has been missing for 24 hours, we will notify law enforcement and the student's designated missing student contact person no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. Students under the age of 18, who are not emancipated individuals, shall be advised that the University is required to notify the student's custodial parent or legal guardian within 24 hours after Public Safety or another law enforcement agency determines that the student has been missing for more than 24 hours, in addition to notifying any contact person designated by the student.

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for SAGU AIC response to reports of missing students, as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

#### Americans with Disabilities Act

SAGU AIC complies with the American with Disabilities Act. For inquiries, contact the ADA Coordinator, Katie White at kwhite@sagu.edu.

# **Policy for Service Animals on Campus**

Information may be obtained from the office of the Director of Student Development.

# **HEW Regulations**

HEW regulation 84:21..."No qualified handicapped person shall, because a recipient's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by handicapped persons, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity provided by the college."

# **Campus Safety Report**

SAGU AIC annually submits a safety report to the federal government. Current students will be notified of the availability of the report by campus email.



# **Community Life**



Community life at SAGU AIC is a path of discipleship that reflects biblical principles and Christian teaching that encourages students to be loving and civil to one another. The heart of biblical discipleship is to value growth and maturity, especially regarding responsibility for personal behaviors and actions. SAGU AIC students are called to a high standard of discipline in order to maintain an atmosphere that is conductive to learning and personal achievement. We recognize that there is diversity among our student body in terms of our individuality and cultural backgrounds; however, we expect that our students submit themselves to the ideals unique to this community while continuously enrolled at SAGU AIC. Students agree to be included into SAGU AIC's community of faith when they sign a covenant of faith that summarizes the University's values, which include the Biblical and Community Standards listed in the SAGU AIC Student Handbook. Students reaffirm their commitment each semester by clicking "I agree" to their student bill that includes a statement that says they will still continue to hold to the same Biblical values and truths that SAGU AIC holds as well as to the community standards that help students live in harmony and unity.

**SAGU AIC's Covenant of Faith:** As a student of SAGU American Indian College, I will abide by the standards set forth in the student handbook. I understand that attendance at SAGU AIC is a privilege, not a right, and that the school reserves the right to require my withdrawal as a student at any time it is deemed necessary to safeguard the ideals and moral atmosphere of the University. I understand that the faculty and staff of this University have the right to correct students, and that fines will be assessed when necessary to insure proper student behavior. (The student handbook can be assessed online or through the Student Life department).

# **Personal Life Philosophy**

SAGU AIC is always concerned about the personal life of its students. All students (married or single, off-campus or on-campus) are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the teachings of the Word of God, the accepted standards of the Assemblies of God, and the standards of conduct held by SAGU AIC. SAGU AIC Warriors must realize the importance of being examples of Christian living both on and off campus.

With those from various and differing backgrounds, it is necessary that each student become acquainted with SAGU AIC's standard of conduct and dress. The University states its intention of making biblical principles its primary basis for conduct as referred to in the Assemblies of God Bylaws, Article IX, Section 6, as follows:

In view of the alarming erosion of national moral standards, we reaffirm our intention of holding up Biblical standards against all forms of worldliness. We urge all believers; "Do not love the world or anything in the world...For anything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world" 1 John 2:15,16 NIV.

In its teaching regarding worldliness, the Scripture warns against participation in activity that defiles the body, or corrupts the mind and spirit; the inordinate love of, or preoccupation with, pleasures, position, or possessions, which lead to their misuse; manifestation of extreme behavior, unbecoming speech, or inappropriate appearance; any fascination or association which lessens one's affection for spiritual things (Luke 21:34,35; Romans 8:5-8, 12:1,2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 2:8-10; 4:12; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17, and Titus 2:12).

#### **ACTIVITIES STANDARD**

# **Activities**

There are many student activities at SAGU AIC. These activities are under the general supervision of the Associated Student Body, Residential Life, and the Student Life office. Students are encouraged to attend these activities, properly balancing their academic and spiritual responsibilities.

# Associated Student Body (ASB)

Student leaders endeavor to make SAGU AIC a better university by promoting Christian fellowship and cooperation among students and faculty. The ASB encourages spiritual activity, fosters school pride, promotes school spirit, and builds school



loyalty. The ASB plans various student activities each semester for the entire student body. Some of these activities include Spring Banquet, Homecoming, as well as a number of other activities.

#### Res Life

The Residential Life department is passionate about community involvement and builds its events calendar and activities based on the vision statement "Connecting Students Through Community."

#### **Varsity Athletics**

The primary purpose of athletics at SAGU AIC is to offer a chance for the student to coordinate physical effort, self-discipline, and Christian testimony in the arena of sports. Team cooperation, development of a sense of fair play, and ministry outreach are important products of this program. Athletic teams at SAGU AIC call themselves "The Warriors" or "Lady Warriors" and their colors are red and black. SAGU AIC is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA).

#### RELATIONSHIP STANDARD

# **Community Relationships**

#### **Public Behavior**

Public behavior is that behavior with the opposite sex that is considered appropriate in places understood to be public and in places occupied, open to and in full view of others. (Note: Apart from a student's dorm room, the entire campus at SAGU AIC is considered public.)

The following is considered appropriate public behavior by couples at SAGU AIC: sitting together, holding hands, a woman taking the arm of her date, and a discreet, brief "good-night" kiss.

The following is considered inappropriate public behavior by couples at SAGU AIC, including but not limited to: leaning or lying on each other, petting, fondling or caressing each other, extended periods of kissing and body massages.

#### Private Behavior

Private behavior is that behavior with the opposite sex that is considered appropriate in places not designated as public or commonly understood as public. Places that are private in character and nature –times when a couple is alone, not in the presence of another person or couple, away from others.

It is understood and recognized that private behavior will not be governed by the same guidelines as public behavior. At the same time, however, it is expected that Christian couples will always conduct themselves in a way that avoids undue temptation and is glorifying to God. In light of that, the following things will be considered inappropriate private behavior for couples at SAGU AIC: laying on each other, petting, fondling or caressing each other, extended periods of heavy kissing or hugging, visiting in each other's residence, sexual relations of any kind or degree outside of marriage are strictly forbidden, or body massages.

NOTE: The Director of Student Development, Resident Director, Resident Assistants, Faculty, Staff, and Administrative Personnel have the authority to interpret, apply and enforce these guidelines. Students who violate them may be reported to Administrative Personnel, Staff, Faculty, Resident Assistants, Resident Director, and the Director of Student Development who may initiate disciplinary action.

All members of the SAGU AIC community are encouraged to live lives that represent the Spiritual Disciplines stated in this handbook. SAGU AIC recognizes that people have differing viewpoints concerning various standards; however, in order to create a model of consistency, the University has set a level of conduct that each member of this University must live by. All members of the SAGU AIC community are expected to show personal discipline, civility, and respect at all times.

# **Sexual Identity/Transgenderism**

SAGU American Indian College is a Bible-based institution for theological and professional studies. Affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, SAGU AIC embraces and supports its doctrinal teachings. Further, SAGU AIC embraces standards of conduct that are the same as those generally accepted by the Assemblies of God. Additionally, the



University has established a biblically and morally based Standard of Conduct that guides expected behavior while a student is enrolled.

The University believes that God created mankind in His image, both male and female (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4-5.) We further believe that God established an individual's gender at birth. Any advocacy, expressions of sentiment or practices otherwise are out of harmony with the religious convictions of SAGU AIC. Thus, transgenderism is disapproved.

The same standard applies to all administration, faculty, staff, and students. (See also the A/G paper on https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers.)

#### **Dating**

Students are encouraged to follow the teachings of the Word of God when dating so that their conduct does not bring reproach upon the cause of Christ. Students are warned against any practices which might be interpreted as stalking or sexual harassment.

**Employee-Student Relationships:** Faculty and/or staff members may date students only after consultation with their area administrator and the Director of Student Development.

#### **Engagement and Marriage**

Hasty engagements and marriages are discouraged. Students contemplating marriage are encouraged to participate in Engaged & Pre-Engaged counseling services. (See also the A/G paper http://ag.org/Beliefs/Topics-Index/Marriage).

Married students should exercise all caution to protect their family relationships. Discipline and character are important to have while facing the rigorous challenges of higher education. (See also the A/G paper <a href="https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers">https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers</a>).

#### **Divorced Student Guidelines**

Individuals who are divorced but not remarried and whose former spouse is still alive, may be admitted under the following conditions:

- 1. The divorce must have been legally finalized for at least three months before Enrollment.
- 2. **Divorce students must agree to a pre-registration** interview with the Director of Student Development, or his designate, as well as a session with a university counselor.
- 3. The student may be required to live off-campus.
- 4. Individuals who are separated from their spouses are not permitted to date.

# **Public Display of Affection**

Students have a right to know what their school considers appropriate behavior in their dating relationships. The following standard of conduct has been adopted and will be applied and enforced. It is expected that students will demonstrate public and private behavior in their dating and friendships that is glorifying to God and in keeping with a Christian testimony. They need to be sensitive to those around them and should not conduct themselves in an offensive or inappropriate fashion.

SAGU AIC strongly disapproves of private visitations by opposite gender students in either party's residence. (See Community Relationships: Public Behavior and Private Behavior).

#### DRESS STANDARD

#### **Dress Code**

SAGU AIC's statement of purpose and core values reflect an intention to provide students a comprehensive educational experience that prepares them mentally, spiritually, physically and socially. The University's dress standards are, first, designed to create an environment that encourages spiritual formation; and secondly, to prepare students for success in the professional workplace. A follower of Christ desiring to successfully serve in vocational ministry, counseling, corporate business, etc., must understand what clothing, hair style, and adornment is appropriate for different settings.



As a follower of Jesus Christ, our appearance should be modest and not call attention to oneself (I Peter 3:3-4). SAGU AIC expects all students to be clean, neat, dressed in good taste, and avoiding bizarre or extreme styles, including form-fitting clothing. Shoes must be worn at all times in public areas.

All appearance standards specified below are to be observed campus-wide with no exceptions. They apply to all students, single or married, living on-campus or off-campus. The dress code is in effect at the beginning of each semester, during finals, during summer sessions, and to all students on campus during vacation and holiday periods. Under all circumstances, MODESTY is the standard for all occasions.

The University reserves the right to declare any single piece of clothing or decoration as unsuitable attire for any occasion.

# Warrior Worship/Travel Ministry Attire

Students may be involved in Warrior Worship ministry. The following guide concerns acceptable platform wear under normal circumstances. Its application pertains to student speakers, worship leaders, musicians, singers, choir members and other platform leadership roles.

#### Men

Dress slacks, jeans (no holes) and shirts with a collar (no shorts, flip flops, tennis shoes, or earrings). SAGU AIC t-shirts are permitted as well.

#### Women

Dress slacks, jeans (no holes), dresses, skirts of a modest length (no slits above the knee) and shirts with a collar or blouses (no shorts, flip flops, tennis shoes, or nose rings). SAGU AIC t-shirts are permitted as well.

# Warrior Worship/ Non-Ministry Attire

When attending Warrior Worship and students are not involved in platform ministry, then the community attire guidelines are in effect. A few things to keep in mind however, is that athletic apparel is not allowed in Warrior Worship services. Hats are permitted in Warrior Worship but wearing hoodies and the use of headphones, or earbuds are prohibited.

# **Summary of Dress Code**

While the above policies reflect broad parameters for community attire, individual sponsors, faculty and staff members may have additional specific standards for students while participating in particular university sponsored events or programs.

Failure to comply with these standards may result in loss of ministry opportunity by decision of the Director of Student Development, Sponsor, the Resident Director, Administration, Faculty or Staff. Further explanation will be provided during Dorm Orientation.

# **Community Attire**

#### Men

Full-length shirts, sweaters, sweat shirts, or t-shirts with acceptable/appropriate logos are acceptable. Sleeveless types are permitted provided they are cut close under the arm and not made of see-through material. Slacks, jeans (holes permitted up to the knee), sweat pants or shorts (mid-thigh) are acceptable (spandex or any other form-fitting clothing is not allowed). Pajama items are not acceptable as outerwear at any time. Hats and ear studs are permitted, gauges are not permitted. Bizarre hairstyles are not permitted.



#### Women

Full-length shirts, blouses, sweaters, sweat shirts, or t-shirts with acceptable/appropriate logos are acceptable.

Sleeveless types are permitted provided they have a two-inch width shoulder, are cut close under the arm and not made of see-through material. No midriffs allowed. Slacks, jeans (holes permitted up to the knee), jogging suits (with proper undergarments) or shorts (mid-thigh) are acceptable (spandex or form-fitting shorts are not permitted). Yoga pants must be covered to the top of the thigh. Pajama items are not acceptable as outerwear at any time. Hats, earrings and a nose stud are permitted, gauges are not permitted. Bizarre hairstyles are not permitted.

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#### **Athletic Attire**

The Major Rule for Athletic Wear is ... MODESTY.

#### Men

Full-length t-shirts, sweatshirts with sweat pants, or tank tops with uniform shorts or those approved for an activity (spandex or any other form-fitting clothing worn by itself is not permitted). Athletic attire must be modest in length and fit. Students cannot be without having their upper torso covered.

#### Women

Full-length t-shirts or sweatshirt (sleeveless types not permitted) with sweat pants, uniform shorts or those approved for an activity (spandex or any other form-fitting clothing worn by itself is not permitted). If wearing yoga pants, tights, or leggings, shirts must go down to fingertip length. Athletic attire must be modest in length and fit.

# Varsity Sports (Men and Women)

Uniforms will be modest and appropriate. Uniforms will be chosen and approved for each sport. Practice clothing may be similar, but not briefer than team uniforms.

# **Special Occasions**

The following is approved dress code for special occasions such as Homecoming, or Spring Banquet.

#### MEN

The platform ministry attire offers a basic guideline for attire. Tuxedos are also acceptable. Outfits that are wild or bizarre in design or color will not be permitted. Participants/Students are recommended to wear a suit that is a dark color. All attire must meet expectations, or the candidate will not be able to participate.

#### Women

Dresses, skirts or hemlines no higher than 2 inches above the knee in length. Spaghetti strap gowns are allowed, provided they meet the modesty guidelines. See Dorm Pastor for guidelines. Proper undergarments are required. Since a regular brassiere is to be worn, no skin lower than this undergarment should be exposed in the front or back. The dress is required to have a decent neckline. No dress should have holes cut out of the material in the front or back. The dress should not be molded to the body, and if the dress is made of sheer material, it must be fully lined. All attire must meet these stated expectations, or the student will not be able to participate. Sleeveless types are permitted with permission from the Resident Director.



#### **Private Time**

For the privacy of their rooms students discretely choose their own dress. Students are permitted to follow the leisure dress code in dorm lobbies. At no time are students permitted to stand in their room window or have their dorm door open when inappropriately attired.

#### **HOUSING STANDARD**

# **Housing Standards**

By our experience we know that an important part of college life is the building of relationships within the campus community. The development of these relationships will have an impact both now and in the years to come. Our residence halls are an environment in which lessons of life and faith are lived out day by day.

Because we recognize the educational, spiritual, and social values reinforced by student residence on campus, single, full time (12 credit hours or more) students under the age of 24 are required to live on campus. Students who desire to live at home with their parents may request exemption by appealing to the Director of Student Development prior to registration and must fully explain the exceptional circumstances involved.

Over half of our students live on campus. Because of this, we have various procedures in place to support many students with various needs. We have many different students who may be living in the dormitory of SAGU-AIC. We hope students take this experience as another stepping stone to understanding how to communicate with others in an understanding way.

Safety and emergency evacuation training for students and resident advisors are conducted each fall and spring semester.

#### Room Usage

The room will be taken care of by its occupants. Decorations and pictures may be hung after receiving approval from Resident Director. Nails or the equivalent should not be driven into the walls, closets, or furniture. Tape with hooks should be used to hang pictures. Students or guests are not permitted to arbitrarily use rooms that are designated as empty or unoccupied.

# **Room Furniture**

Every student is provided with a dresser or chest of drawers, desk, chair, and bed. Students are expected to take care of University furniture. When assuming occupancy, the student becomes responsible for the room furniture. Students will be charged for defacing or destruction of room furniture. FURNITURE MUST NOT BE MOVED FROM ONE ROOM TO ANOTHER OR ONE DORMITORY TO ANOTHER OR TAKEN APART WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE RESIDENT DIRECTOR.

Dorm residents are permitted to personalize their rooms with their own furnishings—except for what is provided for the student by SAGU AIC (i.e., bed, desk, etc.)—however, they are not permitted to have any outward facing objects (i.e., flags, posters, signs, etc.) visible from the window to the outside. Beds have to be separated by a dresser or at least a 2 foot space, so that no two beds are pushed together side-by-side. Residents are encouraged to remember rooms are limited in size and roommates share an equal right to personalize their room.

# **Room/School Property**

Students will be charged for the repair of any damage done to school property. Students have the opportunity to list any prior damages to their room or furniture on their occupancy voucher upon check-in at the beginning of each semester. The Director of Maintenance will assess the damage and make recommendation to the Director of Student Development. Student Life will notify the student in writing and inform the Accounting office, who will add the charges to the student's school bill.

# **Room Cleanliness**

A direct relationship exists between the way rooms are maintained and student attitudes. Each student is responsible for the daily care and cleaning of the room to promote a healthy community as well as harmony between roommates. A planned room inspection occurs once a week. **Unannounced room checks will be made periodically to ensure that rooms are kept neat and clean.** 



# **Campus Days**

This is an extraordinary event held on campus several times a year. Dormitory residents should expect to share their rooms and minister to prospective students who visit classes and participate in school devotions. Everyone works hard to make the event special for both our current and future students. Since hospitality is a mark of Christian leadership (1 Pet. 4:9 "Be hospitable to one another without complaint"; also Heb. 13:2; Rom. 12:13; 1 Tim. 3:2), this is a great opportunity for SAGU AIC Warriors to shine for the Lord and touch lives through courtesy, care and compassion.

#### Loss of Personal Property

For one's own protection, **rooms should be locked at all times when not occupied**. The University is not responsible for the loss of personal belongings of students in any building. Students may check with the Office of Residential Life for any lost items.

SAGU AIC assumes no responsibility for any loss of or damage to personal items, supplies, clothing, personal furniture, carpets, etc. due to fire, theft, and inclement weather or otherwise. Students desiring to protect personal property should contact their insurance carrier to purchase "renter's type" insurance. The Residential Life office may be contacted for a referral to an insurance carrier, if needed.

#### **Procedures**

Be considerate of others in your dormitory and their belongings. We suggest talking over some boundaries with roommates the first day to communicate those boundaries.

Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm - 09:00 am in each of the Residence Halls (Gannon and Washburn) and are to be respected in the immediate areas around the building itself. Any activity deemed to be a distraction to the enforcement of Quiet Hour could be moved or ceased by Residential Life. Therefore, the following guidelines will be enforced:

- a. Students must learn to live in mutual respect. SAGU AIC is an institution of higher learning and students should respect one another's need for study and appropriate sleep.
- b. Stereos, TVs and musical instruments may be used but the noise level must not be heard outside the room during Quiet Hour. Drums are strictly prohibited from being played in the dorms.

If you plan to stay somewhere else overnight or for the weekend, please fill out the proper forms online to communicate with resident staff that you will be gone and when you plan to return.

A few times a semester, your dorm may be scheduled for a Community Weekly Cleaning. This is to make sure your hallway, lounge, and laundry areas are clean. Please follow the cleaning directions posted in the hallway and complete the tasks needed.

#### **Curfews**

Curfews are established to help maintain student safety, to help our students develop useful lifestyle habits and to minimize possible inconveniences to fellow students.

SAGU AIC will follow this curfew schedule on the first night of New Student Orientation:

Sunday - Thursday	12:00 am (Midnight)
Friday - Saturday	1:00 am

All buildings on campus should be closed immediately at curfew and/or earlier as posted. Any guests who are not staying on campus overnight will also be asked to leave ½ hour before curfew by security or residential life staff.



#### **Late Permission**

If a student needs to be out of the Residence Hall after curfew, approval is needed from the Resident Director.

# **Working Students**

If a student needs to be out of the Residence Hall after curfew due to employment, that student must file with the Resident Director a "Student Work Form" indicating the place of employment and the hours scheduled for work. Any change in work hours/employment requires submitting a new Student Work Form.

#### **Curfew Room Checks**

The purpose of curfew room checks is to ensure that every dorm student is accounted for and that those who are not present at curfew have signed out properly.

- 1. RA's will conduct these curfew room checks which will be on random days, at least twice a week.
- 2. RA's will need to physically see each student when conducting the curfew check. RA's will gently knock on each door and wait for a response. After several knocking attempts, they will slightly open the door for visual confirmation.

#### **Violations**

Depending on the situation you may be given the following or through the process at a faster pace.

1st Violation: Verbal Warning

2nd Violation: Written Warning

3rd Violation: Meet with Resident Director

4th Violation: Meet with the Director of Student Development

5th Violation: Meet with the Director of Student Development / Student Life Committee. Possible expulsion from SAGU AIC.

(Students are able to appeal)

Any situation with alcohol and/or substance abuse, etc. will be automatically sent to counselling

#### **Fire Drills**

Drills are conducted at unannounced times. All students will proceed quickly and quietly to designated areas outside of the buildings. Exits should be kept clear at all times.

Procedures for a fire drill are as follows:

- 1. Leave the building immediately through the nearest exit to you. On your way out, turn off all lights and air conditioning, (and stoves in kitchen and apartments). Make sure all windows and doors are closed. These procedures help contain the fire.
- 2. Assemble in the open area immediately in front of the cafeteria (Lake Lopez) until a count can be taken and it is determined that no one is still in a building. Remain in the open area until the person in charge gives a release to return.



#### **Guests**

Overnight guests may be accommodated if beds are available in the dormitories. Permission must be secured from the Residence Director, who will require appropriate information from the guest. All guests must abide by SAGU AIC regulations. Guest fees are set at the beginning of the school year.

The following should be considered when guests are coming to stay on campus.

- 1. Never is a member of the opposite sex allowed to stay in the same room overnight.
- 2. If a student has a guest staying the night, who has already been approved to do so by the Resident Director, this should not exceed more than 2 nights per month.
- 3. The Resident Director should be notified of a potential guest coming on campus at least 24 hours in advance, for approval.
- 4. Once the guest arrives, they need to fill out the Guest Occupancy form (whether staying by themselves in a room or with a student.)
- 5. If guests fail to meet SAGU American Indian College regulations, they can be removed from campus.

#### **Vehicle Regulations**

The following rules apply to both resident and off campus students who own or operate a vehicle while attending SAGU AIC:

- 1. The student must have a current driver's license from his or her resident state.
- 2. The vehicle must have a current license plate from the state in which it is registered.
- 3. Insurance required by state law shall be secured by the vehicle owner and kept in effect, and the student will provide proof of such insurance to the college.
- 4. Students should not bring automobiles on campus if it creates a financial burden for them.
- 5. Transporting first or second semester freshmen of the opposite sex in private vehicles may not take place without a third party.
- 6. The College reserves the right to deny any student the privilege of using his or her own car, or any other vehicle.

#### Student Parking Lot Procedures

- 1. Resident and non-resident students parking a vehicle on campus will be required to pay a \$50 parking fee per year. This fee will be paid at the time of registration.
- 2. Resident student parking is on the designated lower level parking lot.
- 3. Non-resident students are to park on the upper level parking lot.
- 4. The college reserves the right to impound any vehicle in violation of parking policies at the owner's expense.
- 5. Fines of \$10 are assessed for the following violations:
  - a. Parking in no parking zone.
  - b. Parking or driving on lawns or landscaped area.
  - c. Speeding or reckless driving. (Campus speed limit is 5 mph)
  - d. Parking in unauthorized areas or handicapped spaces.
  - e. Parking on sidewalks or pedestrian paths.

The operation of a student motor vehicle on campus is granted by the college administration and is revocable at any time. The college assumes no responsibility for damage to any vehicle and/or any loss while operated or parked on campus property.



# **Privacy and Security**

It is important to all of us that we feel secure while we are on campus, and in our rooms. We maintain a "no visitation" policy between members of the opposite sex within our residences. Students concerned about possible breaches of privacy or security should make them known to the dorm staff immediately.

#### **Room Care**

SAGU AIC recognizes that your dorm room is your home, and we intend to keep intrusions and impositions to a minimum. However, there are a lot of other people living in your "house," and all of them are important to us. Also, others will follow in the very room you now occupy. Therefore, we have some necessary requirements for room maintenance and upkeep.

You may expect to be notified when college staff will be in your room. You will be given advance notice when possible, and will be notified in writing if staff members have entered your room when no one was there. The College reserves the right to enter and inspect rooms for the purpose of insuring compliance with all campus standards. Items which represent violations in our standards of conduct may be removed without prior notice, and placed in the custody of the Director of Student Development.

# **Residential Violation Policy**

In the event that a student is not abiding by prescribed guidelines and policies for residential room care, then the following guidelines will apply

- 1. First offence will result in a verbal warning.
- 2. Second offence will result in a written warning and notification to Resident Director.
- 3. Third offence will result in notification of Director of Student Development.

# **Going Off Campus**

In the Neighborhood – Occasionally you may want to venture out from our safe and secure campus. The Sunnyslope village has many good features, but it also has its dangers. The surrounding streets have on occasion been referred to as a high-crime area. Presently, there is a good police presence and almost all of our neighbors are friendly, but we are in a big city urban area. You do not need to live in fear, but you do need to be aware. It is always best to have someone with you when you are walking in the neighborhood, and this is certainly the recommended procedure after dark.

Overnight/Weekend Absence – Full-time single students under the age of 24 are required to live on campus. However, situations may arise that necessitate dorm students being away overnight. For the purposes of communication and security, we require dorm students to give prior notice when they will not be on campus for the night. It is for the benefit of all students that our residence policies are in place. Student life policies and procedures are developed in consideration of numerous elements, including biblical guidelines, college regulations, legal and ethical issues, security concerns, and our own experience with many students over the years.

Therefore, All Residence Hall students must sign out to stay off campus during a school term, even breaks and holidays. This can be done by filling out the overnight visit/weekend off-campus form found online on our website www.aicag.edu. A residential address and name of the individual the student is staying with must be provided. Signing out to go camping or staying in a hotel (with members of the same sex only will be considered) must be approved by the Director of Student Development. Signing out to a place of business (i.e. restaurant, coffee house, etc.) is not permissible.

In order to have a single person of the opposite sex in his/her home, the student must fill out the overnight visit/weekend off-campus form found online and provide contact information for the student(s) parents in order that the Dorm Pastor may follow up and contact the host parent. Students are not permitted to be out overnight in mixed company in private (or public without permission) settings (including, but not limited to campers, tents, homes, apartments, vehicles, hotel rooms, or residence room) without approval from the Director of Student Development.



#### Policies and Procedures for Overnight and Weekend Absences

- 1. Students expecting to be away overnight must notify the Residence Director by 4 PM of that day. Students desiring to be away for a weekend should get prior approval before 4PM on Thursday.
- 2. Notification will only be approved when submitted on the standard forms.
- 3. All requests for information on the forms are required in full.
- 4. Students who know they will unavoidably be late for curfew must notify resident staff directly and immediately.
- 5. In the absence of the Residence Director, students may notify the Head Resident Assistant.
- 6. These policies and procedures apply both to overnight and weekend absences.
- 7. The College may restrict students to campus as needed. Permission to leave campus overnight or on weekends may of course be withheld during these times of restriction as well.

# Single Student Visits in Residences of Opposite Sex

Single students are not permitted in the residences of single students of the opposite sex. Students who are found to have been in the residence of a member of the opposite sex may be terminated from enrollment at SAGU AIC. This applies to all students whether they reside on or off campus.

#### Students in Room of a Member of the Opposite Sex

Students who are found to have been in the room of a member of the opposite sex may be terminated from enrollment at SAGU AIC. Permission may be obtained from the Resident Director for special circumstances.

#### **Prohibited Items**

Toasters, electric skillets, George Foreman tabletop grills, rice cookers, woks or any other cooking appliances are not permitted. Candles or any items that can produce fire or have an exposed heating element are not permitted. Pets (including fish) of any kind are not be permitted. Coffee makers will be allowed. Violation of this safety policy will result in the impoundment of the appliance, item or animal.

# Firearms/ Fireworks Prohibited

All firearms, fireworks and unlawful weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited on campus and school sponsored events. Any items, including, but not limited to handguns, shotguns, rifles, knives (blades larger than width of the palm of your hand), swords, daggers, katana, clubs, paintball guns, pellet and/or BB guns, archery equipment, homemade devices, and any other items deemed dangerous by the University. If any prohibited item(s) are found, they will be confiscated by Residential Life.

# Secure Doors, Windows, Alarms, Thermostats, & Electrical Panels

Unauthorized use of windows, exits and secured doors in non-emergency situations is not permitted. Setting off or tampering with security alarms, thermostats, and electrical panels is strictly forbidden. Talking, whistling, gesturing, or yelling out of windows is prohibited at all times, in all buildings. Students are not permitted to remove windows, screens, or doors. Nothing should be thrown from the windows. Those violating this guideline may be required to appear before the Student Life Committee.

# **Searches**

Room searches are discouraged and seldom performed. If a serious need warrants it, Campus Security and/or the Residential Life team and the Resident Directors may search any or all rooms only with approval from the Director of Student Development. If a dorm room needs to be searched, this provides the university the ability to search the occupant's vehicle as well. If the occupant cannot be notified, and/or is not present, the Resident Directors shall be accompanied by two witnesses in addition to Campus Security personnel or the Director of Student Development.



# **Dorm Meetings**

All on-campus students are required to attend all announced meetings. The Resident Director must approve any exception. Failure to attend may result in disciplinary action.

#### <u>Illnesses</u>

Any illness is to be reported to the Residence Assistant and/or the Resident Director who will help give guidance to the student regarding care and/or referrals to local health care agencies.

#### **Checking Out of the Residence Halls**

All students must clear checkout with the Resident Director, turn in their keys, and have their rooms inspected for satisfactory condition before leaving campus at the end of each semester or if the student is withdrawn or suspended from the University. Rooms must be completely vacated and cleaned out by noon the day the Residence Halls close (see Calendar). The only exceptions will be students who contract to reside on campus for the summer. If rooms are not left clean and in good repair, the student's account may be fined up to \$150 for cleaning and minor repairs. Anything left in the room becomes the property of SAGU AIC and will be discarded. Failure to properly check out of your Residence Hall will result in an additional fine being assessed.

# **Summer Storage and Abandoned Possessions**

Regrettably, due to space limitations, annual maintenance, and use of the University facilities by many outside groups, summer storage of student possessions is a service which cannot be offered. Student possessions left on campus during the summer will be disposed of. This includes bicycles.

# **Summer Housing**

The University offers summer housing. The summer contract is available through the Student Life office. This contract shares the pertinent information for an agreeable living arrangement for the summer. It also includes cost information.

Note the following procedures:

- 1. Obtain a contract from the Student Life office.
- 2. Read in full and sign, then turn in to the Student Life office.
- 3. When the countersigned document is returned to the student, the student is to pay the summer fee in advance with the President's Assistant who will act as cashier.
- 4. The cashier will validate on the student's contract that the fee has been paid.
- 5. The student will take the validation to the Student Life office for room assignment.

#### BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

# **Spiritual Disciplines**

Upon enrollment at the University each student makes a serious and spiritual commitment to obey all standards of conduct of SAGU AIC, to take care of University property, and to assume all obligations as a student with DISCIPLINE, OBEDIENCE and CHARACTER. All admission standards apply during the entirety of the student's enrollment including breaks between semester and summer break.

SAGU AIC considers the following behaviors to be unacceptable for its students. Engaging in these activities is a violation of the Standard of Conduct of the University and results in a fine. Additionally, the student could appear before the Student Life Committee for disciplinary action or subject the student to immediate suspension.

Prudence and good judgement concerning all disciplines are given to Faculty and Staff. Should a specific item or situation arise that is not denoted in the Student Handbook, Faculty and Staff have the discretion to request students and residents to comply and must be adhered to in the spirit of Christian maturity and submission to Godly authority.

# **Biblical Standards**

We avoid the following in view of Scriptural mandates and principles concerning living lives of righteousness, holiness, living above reproach, avoiding worldliness, avoiding the appearance of evil, respecting and caring for the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit (Titus 2:11-14; Il Corinthians 3:18; Hebrews 12:14; I Corinthians 10:13; Romans 13:13; Romans 8:6-7; Romans 12:1-2; I Peter 4:7; Romans 8:6-7; Luke 21:34; and Galatians 5:21.)



- Possession or use of any illegal drug, mind altering substance, and/or drug paraphernalia (See also the A/G paper at https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers).
- Any Scripturally prohibited sexual behavior as described in Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 6:32; Matthew 5:27-28; Matthew 15:19; Mark 7:21-23; Romans 13:9; I Timothy 1:8-11; and I Corinthians 6:13, 6:18 including:
  - Adultery
  - Fornication (which by scriptural definition encompasses intercourse and oral sex)
  - Any physical contact producing sexual stimulation
  - Homosexuality, lesbianism, transgenderism. Students may not engage in romanticized same-sex relationships or be engaged in any sexual relationships. Any student struggling with same-sex attraction is encouraged to seek counseling with the Student Life Department. (See also the A/G papers at <a href="https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers">https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers</a>).
  - Visiting sexually oriented businesses as described in Galatians 5:19-21; I Thessalonians 4:3; and Hebrews 13:4
  - Sexting i.e. creating or sending images or videos of a sexual nature via email, text, cellphone or any other form of communication
  - Dishonesty, cheating, falsifying testimony, falsifying Warrior Worship, Community Connection and church attendance or falsification of documents, including but not limited to applications for Admissions as described in Jeremiah 7:9-10; Matthew 15:19; and Mark 7:21-23 (see also p. 28, Academic Dishonesty/Cheating)
  - Stealing (Possession of another person's property without permission) as described in Jeremiah 7:9-10; Matthew 15:19; Mark 7:21-23; and Ephesians 4:28
- Using profanity or obscenity in your speech or written materials, including but not limited to text messaging, smart phone apps, online messaging and social media. This includes using acronyms to describe inappropriate speech or profanity (Matthew 15:19; Ephesians 5:3, 5:4; and Colossians 3:8-10)
- Possession or use of books, literature, magazines, audio/visual materials (tapes, CDs, videos, downloaded pictures/videos, DVDs, suggestive posters) and websites that are pornographic or inappropriate due to sexual content, obscene language, and/or violence (including all R, NC-17, X and unrated ratings) as described in Mark 7:21-23, Matthew 15:19 and 5:27-28. Students struggling with pornography are encouraged to use the student counseling services of the University.
- Possession of material on occult practices, witchcraft, Satanism as described in Galatians 5:19-21.
- Abortion as described in Romans 13:9; and I Timothy 1:8-11, We believe in the sanctity of life and support a student's (married and unmarried) decision to carry her unborn child to birth. We strongly oppose abortion to terminate a pregnancy. In the event the pregnancy is outside of marriage, the student is encouraged to seek confidential help from the Student Counseling Department for help in navigating the complex needs of pregnancy. (See also the A/G paper <a href="https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers">https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers</a>).
- Violation of any civil or criminal law local, state, federal. (Including but not limited to spouse or child abuse, child neglect, sexual harassment, stalking) as described in Hebrews 12:14 Students under criminal investigation can be placed on probation or suspension until cleared of all charges.
- A thorough review of Scripture reveals stern warning against intoxicating drink and a call to separation from such drink. The spirit and intent of Scripture emphasize the consequences of recreational consumption of alcohol. Students are prohibited from possessing or drinking alcohol, attending bars (places where the primary function is serving alcohol or hookah, and/or dancing) or attending places where men/women are sexually exploited. A business may be a bar/lounge/club if it (a) requires an ID for admission, (b) advertises alcoholic beverages, and/or (c) provides social dancing and drinking (See also the A/G paper <a href="https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers">https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers</a>).
- Recognizing that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that certain products are a danger to one's physical and psychological well-being, possession or use of tobacco or anything containing nicotine (including e-cigarettes or vapes, whether nicotine is used or not) or medicinal marijuana is prohibited.
- Gambling is defined as "any activity in which wealth exchanges hands, mainly on the basis of chance and with risk to the gambler." Scripture is clear regarding a believer's responsibility to be a careful steward of one's life and resources; therefore, students are restricted from participating in all forms of gambling. This includes internet poker/gambling (See also the A/G paper <a href="https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers">https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers</a>).
- Dancing in a setting in which alcohol is a primary influence, as well as sexually explicit dancing, is prohibited in view of
  the expectation that we honor God with our body as a temple of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:18-20). This
  prohibition would include, but not be limited to nightclubs, dance halls and bars. In view of our primary goal of
  creating an atmosphere contributing to spiritual formation, the University does not sponsor dances/dancing except
  for pre-approved choreography within a supervised campus production. Modest dancing with non-suggestive
  movements or attire may be participated in at church, formal, cultural, family, and/or other approved off-campus



celebratory events. The general guide is to represent a higher standard of respect for self, the University, and the Lord.

• All personnel involved on the campus, including administration, faculty, staff, and students, are subject to the ethical, moral, social, and spiritual standards of conduct approved by the Assemblies of God. All are expected to evaluate all forms of entertainment in light of their faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. External rating systems are inadequate for developing discernment but can be used as a point of reference. All individuals are encouraged to think seriously about the moral implications of what is watched without relying solely on the entertainment industry's rating standards. All entertainment choices (e.g. television, video, movies, internet, computer games, music, publications, comedy clubs, theatre productions, etc.) should be limited to those which contribute to healthy spiritual, intellectual and social development. Activities and entertainment that are of questionable value or diminish a person's moral sensitivity should be avoided. Pluggedin.com and Screenit.com are two helpful sources that offer valuable information concerning entertainment content. Entertainment that has a rating of "R" or higher is prohibited on campus. The University reserves the right to declare any entertainment inappropriate.

Failure to maintain biblical standards may incur a fine from \$50 up to \$250 and could result in the student appearing before the Student Life Committee and possible termination from the University. Failure to comply with disciplinary action could result in another fine or further disciplinary action.

#### COMMUNITY STANDARDS

The following may incur a fine from \$50 up to \$150 the student appearing before the Student Life Committee and possible termination from the University. Failure to comply with disciplinary action could result in another fine or further disciplinary action.

- Unauthorized student visits to the room/residence of opposite gender, including mixed gender company off campus (this includes on campus and off campus students)
- · Disruptions of Warrior Worship, classroom, cafeteria, dormitories, or other school events
- Disrespect to University authorities as well as failure to produce I.D. when requested by appropriate school personnel and security personnel.
- Failure to respond to an official summons and/or notice sent by University.
- Possession of firearms, fireworks, or any device that burns or causes a fire, including but not limited to matches, candles, lighters, and illegal appliances
- Tripping or tampering with fire equipment of any kind, including fire alarms, security alarms, thermostats, fire extinguishers, or lights.
- Defacing, destruction, or unauthorized removal of school property. [Plus replacement cost]
- Having University property illegally in your room or possession; such as, unauthorized possession of an examination, campus keys, another's ID card, cafeteria dinnerware, University inventory tags, etc...
- Hazing, fighting, or abusing peers including slander and gossip (See below on Threats/ Harassment.)
- Failure to comply with Fire or Weather alarm or drill
- Failure to properly check out of Residence Halls at the end of each semester
- Throwing items, including water, from Residence Hall windows
- Pranks
- Inappropriate use of windows or exits (including fire exits/escapes, roofs, cat walks, and hatches) before or after curfew

The following infractions could incur a fine from \$10 to \$25. In some cases, a warning will be issued. Repeated violations could result in probation.

- Attempting to use a room that is unoccupied or empty in any form
- Trash talking in sports
- Failure to properly check out of the dorm overnight
- Excessive noise or loud music during quiet hour (10 pm-9 am), disturbing the peace
- Public display of affection
- · Dress code violations



- Poor room inspection
- Failure to vacate Residence Hall or sign out at lobby for Sunday morning services
- Having pets in the Residence Hall
- Having water fights, water balloons, or water guns in Residence Halls
- Coming in after curfew without signing in appropriately with dorm personnel

The University reserves the right to declare an issue unsuitable for the campus community or environment as well as reserves the right to update the Student Handbook online for edits and pertinent information.

**Social Networking** Internet sites like Twitter, Facebook and others, have provided numerous ways for individuals to connect and stay in touch. Students must be careful that the material that is posted on their account falls within the biblical and community standards of SAGU AIC. Any illegal or inappropriate behavior or language posted online violating standards of the University can be used as evidence for disciplinary actions by the University. Vulgar language and lewd images are improper for a person of moral integrity. In addition, students need to be aware that the material on their site is open to public viewing and potential employers, graduate schools and others can obtain access to postings.

<u>Multimedia</u> SAGU AIC recognizes the legitimacy of a wide variety of tastes in media acceptable to Christians. People from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and levels of spiritual maturity must live with each other in a harmonious Christian campus community. Use of media should inspire, not depress; edify, not tear down; promote healthy, holy values; not attack them. No unrated, X-rated, NC-17, MA or R-rated media will be allowed on campus.

The appropriateness of media will be determined by: loudness, lyrics and atmospheric effects within the campus community. The use of media to the disrespect of roommates and other dorm residents is an un-Christian behavior. Students are to show consideration for others in the way media is played. People repeatedly offending the dormitory community by inconsiderate use of their media equipment are subject to having that equipment impounded by the Resident Director. Students demonstrate high Christian principles by rejecting media that popularizes anti-Christian themes and activities. Media which portrays such themes and activities, together with their covers or posters are not to be brought to campus. Those discovered on campus may be impounded by the Resident Director.

#### **DISCIPLINARY STANDARDS**

In order to preserve a healthy Christ-honoring community, it is necessary at times to hold members of the SAGU AIC family accountable to the Biblical Standards supported by Scripture, as well as the Community Standards that reflect the values of SAGU AIC. Our goal is to provide a loving response, balanced by justice and restoration. Justice requires accountability for those who violate SAGU AIC's standards; however, SAGU AIC also supports the understanding that all people are sinners in need of God's grace and need restoration. Therefore, discipline is both corrective and restorative. The goal is to redeem individuals and to restore relationships so that community members can grow and develop in knowledge and grace. The purpose of restorative justice at SAGU AIC is to maintain a Christian environment that reflects the educational goals of the university, protect the rights of individuals in the community, encourage personal responsibility, and redirect behavior in a restorative manner. (Hebrews 12:11, Hebrews 12:6, Hebrews 12:8, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Revelation 3:19).

# **Disciplinary Actions**

Disciplinary procedures may be initiated in two ways, at the discretion of the Director of Student Development:

- 1. The Director of Student Development may act directly in disciplining a student who is in violation of our community standards. In this case, the Director of Student Development will first meet with the student(s) in question, to determine as well as possible the facts of the issue. When disciplinary action is taken, the student(s) may be notified in person but will always be told in writing what measures are being taken.
- 2. The Director of Student Development may also bring the inappropriate behavior immediately to the attention of the Student Life Committee for consultation and action. (See Student Life Committee below)



# **Responding to Official Notice**

A student is expected to make an immediate response to an official summons/notice from the Resident Director, the Director of Student Development, Faculty member, or any Administrative office of the University. Disregarding an official summons/notice may constitute grounds for termination.

#### **Fines**

When a student violates the Standard of Conduct of SAGU American Indian College he/she may be assessed a fine. Any fine should be resolved with immediacy. It is to be paid in the Business Office during regular business hours. Any regular fine that remains unpaid after 15 days, becomes a separate infraction, and is subject to disciplinary action. A student cannot reserve a room or register for classes if he/she has an outstanding fine. Fines may be appealed to the Director of Student Development who will report the appeal to the administration.

# **Community Service**

In some cases a student may be allowed to perform "community service" as a form of restitution for offending behavior.

#### **Campusing**

Under the supervision of the Director of Student Development a student may be "campused" by his/her Resident Director as a part of discipline. Campusing is defined in two ways:

- 1. "Full campusing" means that a student is restricted to the campus at all times and is confined to the dorm room except for church attendance, employment, meals, classes, Warrior Worship services, or when going to the Business Office and Cree Student Union to check his/her mail. Other than the assigned roommate, visitors are not allowed.
- 2. "Regular campusing" means that a student is confined to his/her room from 9:00 pm until 6:00 am.

# **Disciplinary Probation**

A student may be placed on "disciplinary probation" for a major offense or the accumulation of several minor offenses.

- 1. A student may be placed on "disciplinary probation" for a major infraction or accumulating three minor infractions of the Standard of Conduct. The student may face the Student Life Committee as well.
- 2. **If under 18 years of age, whenever a student** comes under "disciplinary probation" the Director of Student Development contacts the parents or guardian explaining the circumstances.
- 3. **Students under "disciplinary probation"** are not permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities, such as traveling groups, varsity sports, club sports, Warrior Worship leadership/music, school musicals/programs, summer/holiday tours, hold an office in clubs, classes, ASB or engage in a school activity or external ministry which puts them in a visible, public role.
- 4. **If a student under "disciplinary probation"** commits another offense, major or minor, that student may be required to appear before the Student Life Committee.
- 5. Any student who incurs disciplinary probation two semesters in a row will be suspended.

# Suspension

A student's tenure may be interrupted for a stated length of time in such cases where, in the opinion of the University, it will benefit the student or preserve the integrity and standards of the school. SAGU AIC reserves the right to suspend students because of low standards of scholarship, poor mental health, or a conflict of attitudes and standards of behavior with those which the University seeks to maintain.

A student who does not cooperate with the aims and ideals of the University may be asked to withdraw or be denied readmission whenever the general welfare demands it, even though there may be no specific breach of conduct.

In the event a student is suspended from school, he/she will be required to contact his/her parent or guardian immediately. A refund of room and board charges will follow standard refund policies applicable to student withdrawal. All students readmitted after suspension for disciplinary reasons are placed on disciplinary probation for the first semester after their return. Further violations could result in termination of the student.



Students who are suspended are required to vacate the campus community no later than 24 hours after the decision to suspend has been rendered. Suspended students are not allowed on campus or at any university sponsored event off campus, including athletic events unless given special permission from the Director of Student Development and are viewed as trespassers subject to arrest and prosecution.

#### **Student Life Committee**

SAGU AIC holds that every student, upon signing the University application form, is under moral contract to the University to abide by its standards. Consequently, each student is responsible to exercise self-discipline to live within the limits of the University standards. Because the student body is composed of persons who are devoted to Christ and who consider Christian submission and humility valuable assets to the building of strong character, this should not be a problem.

In the case of a serious violation of University standards the Director of Student Development will initiate the following disciplinary process:

- 1. **The Director of Student Development** will notify the Student Life Committee of the inappropriate behavior for consultation and action.
- 2. The Committee will discuss the violation(s) concerning the student.
- 3. The Committee has the right to suspend or terminate a student when the members are convinced that a major violation of school standards has been committed or terms of disciplinary probation have been violated.
- 4. In the event of suspension or termination, the student must leave campus within 24 hours. Any student denied admission or suspended for disciplinary reasons is banned from the campus except by special permission from the Director of Student Development.
- 5. The decision of the Student Life Committee is communicated to the student by the Director of Student Development.
- 6. **The decision of the Student Life Committee** is communicated to the parents or guardian of a dependent student under 18 years of age, by the Director of Student Development.
- 7. A student suspended by the Student Life Committee may choose to appeal the decision of the Committee. The appeal process is as follows:

Students appealing a disciplinary decision must make their appeal:

- 1. In writing
- 2. Within 24 hours of student receiving notice of Student Life Committee's decision
- 3. To the chairperson of the group to which they are appealing. In the case of the Student Life Committee, this is the Director of Student Development. For the Board of Administration, appeals are addressed to the President. An appeal of a decision of the Director of Student Development may be made to the Student Life Committee. In this case, both the Director of Student Development and the student will speak to the committee, and the meeting will be chaired by the Administrative Dean of the College. The meeting must take place within one week of the date of the appeal. Student Life Committee decisions may be appealed to the Board of Administration. The appeal may then be heard at the next meeting of the board. The President may choose to schedule a special meeting to hear the appeal but is not obligated to do so. In all cases, the discipline being appealed will not be carried out while the appeal is outstanding. However, the Director of Student Development has the right to withdraw the prescribed discipline if it will be under appeal at the end of a semester. If this is done, the Student Life Committee will review the matter before the student can enroll for the next semester.
- 8. The Appeals Personnel has the prerogative to consider all decisions made by the student life committee and to:
  - a. Reaffirm the action of the Student Life Committee, or
  - b. Lessen the severity of the action taken by the Student Life Committee, or
  - c. Increase the severity of the action taken by the Student Life Committee.



# Information for Crime Victims about Disciplinary Proceedings

Disclosure Requirement: Information provided to victim of crime HEOA Sec. 493(a)(1)(A) amended HEA Sec. 487(a) (20 U.S.C. 1094(a): added HEA Sec. 487(a)(26)Southwestern Assemblies of God University, upon written request, discloses to the alleged victim of any crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the University against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased because of the crime or offense, the information shall be provided, upon request, to the next of kin of the alleged victim. For more information, please contact the Director of Student Development.

#### **Students Complaints**

The University regards general complaints with appropriate attention. The student body is regularly polled with respect to academics and student life. Faculty members, Academic Liaisons, and the Administrative Dean of the College are approachable concerning classroom and curricular matters. The Associated Student Body executive officers regularly share student concerns with the Director of Student Development. Students are welcomed to visit with the Director of Student Development to make personal concerns known. Formal written complaints may be filed with the Director of Student Development.

#### **Grievance Procedures**

At SAGU AIC a student with a grievance concerning any of the conditions of enrollment shall abide by the following procedures. The intent of the procedure is to provide students with a means of representing grievances to appropriate levels of supervision, without fear of reprisal of any kind.

- 1. A grievance related to Student Life issues shall be reported to the Director of Student Development, in writing, no later than five days after the student has become aware of its occurrence. A grievance related to Academic or course-related issues shall be reported to the Administrative Dean, in writing, no later than five days after the student has become aware of its occurrence.
- 2. The Director of Student Development, or Administrative Dean, shall meet with the student privately to discuss the nature and substance of the grievance, in an effort to resolve the matter according to biblical principles.
- 3. If the student feels his or her grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved, an appeal may be made to the SAGU AIC President. The appeal must be presented to the Campus President in writing. Such hearing shall be scheduled within five (5) business days of the receipt of the request.
- 4. A written response shall be given to the student no later than five (5) business days after the hearing. The Campus President shall be the final appeals board for all students.
- 5. If the complaint cannot be resolved after exhausting the institution's grievance procedure, the student may file a complaint with the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education. The student must contact the State Board for further details. The State Board address is 1400 W. Washington Street, Room 260, Phoenix, AZ 85007, phone # 602-542-5709, website address: http://azppse.gov. 6. The grievance procedure outlined herein is available only to currently enrolled students at the SAGU AIC campus.



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