

# Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

## Statement of Procedure

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### **Purpose**

OCtech is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all students. Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. This procedure outlines the definitions, prohibitions, procedures, and consequences related to hazing activities. This procedure includes all student organizations recognized by OCtech including the Student Advisory Board (SAB), and any unofficial student group of two or more people operating as a club, society or association. Student groups and individual students should not condone or engage in any hazing activity.

### **Definitions**

**Hazing** means the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm by a superior student to a subordinate student with intent to punish or injure the subordinate student, or other unauthorized treatment by the superior student of a subordinate student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature.

**Superior student** means a student who has attended a state university, college, or other public institution of higher learning longer than another student or who has an official position giving authority over another student.

**Subordinate student** means a person who attends a state university, college, or other public institution of higher learning who is not defined as a "superior student."

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### Reporting Procedures

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to report any suspected hazing activities immediately. Reports can be made through the following channels:

- A. If there is an immediate threat to a student's health and safety, call Campus Police at 803-682-3335.
- B. To initiate a complaint for alleged hazing, contact the Vice President of Student Services at 803-535-1218 or the Director of Human Resources at 803-535-1207.

### Investigation and Adjudication

Upon receiving a report of hazing, OCtech will conduct a prompt, thorough, and impartial investigation in compliance with the disciplinary procedures outlined in OCtech Student Code of Conduct Procedure 4.049.03.

If the investigation determines that hazing has occurred, the responsible individuals or groups will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include:

- Warning or reprimand
- Probation
- Loss of privileges
- Suspension or expulsion from the college
- Revocation of organizational recognition or privileges

### Support and Resources

OCtech is committed to providing support to victims of hazing. Counseling services, medical assistance, and other resources are available to affected students through OCtech's Student Services and third-party partners.