ATTACHMENT B

Unethical and Unprofessional Conduct

Departments/programs may create policies and processes for the purpose of suspending or dismissing students for unethical or unprofessional conduct in accordance with their professional or accreditation agencies. Such departmental/program policies shall be reviewed and approved by the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate prior to implementation. Students shall be given notice of the existence of these policies when they enter the program and the department will retain a signed statement from the students indicating that they are aware of the policies.  Such policies must provide processes that include both initial review of the charges and a process for appeal on the grounds of substance and/or procedure. Students dismissed by a department/program on the basis of unethical or unprofessional conduct will not be dismissed by the Graduate School unless there is also evidence of a violation of the Code of Student Life or the student is dismissed through the Academic Integrity policy

Appeals: If a student’s appeal through the department/program process is denied and the student continues to believe the grievance decision is in error, then the student may, within 10 working days after the date of the final written decision from the department/program, appeal the decision in writing to the dean of the academic department within which the degree program resides. The department/program is required to notify the student of the appeal process at the time of the final decision.

The academic dean will review the material provided by the student, the grievance decision, any other material which has been assembled regarding the matter, and any applicable university policies and may, at their discretion, gather any additional information that will be helpful to a decision, whether in writing or through meeting or consulting with any individuals deemed necessary in the dean’s discretion. The dean reviewing the appeal shall make a decision, in writing, within 10 working days of receiving the student’s grievance, or as soon as possible thereafter. This is the sole method for appeal of a suspension or dismissal on the basis of unethical or unprofessional conduct. The decision of the dean shall be final.