Information to Remember For Suspension/Expulsion Level Cases

- Due to your alleged violation, you are facing the possibility of being suspended or expelled from the University of Florida. Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution (SCCR) would encourage you to think about the following information when making decisions about how you want to proceed:
  - In preparation for your hearing, SCCR would strongly encourage you to seek out multiple levels of advice. In addition to using an Advisor and/or Support Person, SCCR would recommend you speak with a member of the Student Honor Code Administration (SHCA). The SHCA are an experienced group of students that provide free assistance to all members of the UF Community participating in the student conduct process. SHCA Advisors are available in the SHCA Office Monday – Friday at various times, and be contacted by e-mailing chancellor@sg.ufl.edu. Additional information about the SHCA can be found at www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/resources/hca-advisor.
  - Please note that the standard of evidence utilized in the student conduct process is preponderance of evidence, or more likely than not. This differs from the legal system in that the goals of our process are to help students that have violated policy learn, grow, and repair the harm of their actions. We are also different in that we don’t have the same abilities that are available to the criminal justice system to collect/analyze evidence, and subpoena witnesses. The Hearing Officer/Committee will make a decision regarding responsibility based on the information they receive. If you choose not to answer questions, speak about the impact a decision might have on you and the UF community, or supplement the information that our office has received in some fashion, this will not be held against you, and the standard of evidence will not change.
  - For individuals who are currently on interim suspension, you may want to consider the possibility of dropping the current classes you are enrolled in. Without appealing the interim suspension, and being granted an exception from the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students, you will remain on interim suspension until your case has been resolved. While SCCR strives to have your case heard quickly, we also want to make sure we are being thorough and complete. This may result in you missing the add/drop deadline and/or other important dates related to academic/financial reimbursement status. It is your responsibility to pay attention to this, and speak to your Hearing Officer/Committee Advisor if you have any questions or concerns.
  - Once a final decision is made, and the appeal deadline lapses, SCCR will automatically withdraw you from your courses.
  - If you are suspended, any courses you take while serving your suspension will not count towards the completion of your UF degree. Also, an overlay will be placed on your transcript while you are suspended or expelled. The overlay states, “This student is currently not in good standing, and further information should be requested from the Dean of Students Office.” One month prior to the end of your suspension, you must schedule an appointment with your Hearing Officer/Committee Advisor to have the overlay removed, and learn about the re-entry process.
  - If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your assigned Hearing Officer/Committee Advisor. SCCR Staff can be reached by contacting the Dean of Students Office at (352) 392-1261 or via e-mail at SCCR@dso.ufl.edu.