

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **STUDENT VANDALISM OF UNIVERSITY PROPERTY -Policy No. A065**

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### **INTENT**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has a legitimate interest in protecting University facilities, students, employees, and the visiting public. Significant amounts of vandalism, including that occurring in regard to smoke and fire detectors, alarms, fire extinguishers and their cabinets, and the like, have prompted the University to take action against the perpetrators of these acts. The University Police, upon receiving the complaint, will coordinate all investigations dealing with the apprehension and arrest of such vandals. Immediate suspension of the students may ensue if it is established that they have committed these acts. The University Police may also file criminal charges, as appropriate, at the local District Justice.

### **POLICY**

1. Vandalism to University property, in particular tampering with or destruction of equipment or facilities designed for the safety concerns of the campus community, such as smoke and fire detectors, alarms, extinguishers, and their cabinets may be cause for immediate suspension and immediate removal of the perpetrating students from the campus.
2. The University Police will coordinate the investigation into all vandalism complaints.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. Upon the complaint of an act of vandalism, the University Police will immediately investigate and determine the extent of damages.
2. The results of the investigation will be forwarded to the Office of Student Standards for immediate disciplinary action.
3. If it is determined that the perpetrator's continued presence constitutes an immediate threat of harm to him/herself, other students, university personnel, or university property, the matter shall be handled in accordance with the Board of Governors' regulations providing for an interim suspension pending the final disposition of the case.
4. If, following the disciplinary hearing, it is determined that the individual has committed the act of vandalism, he/she may be immediately removed from the University and suspended for a minimum of two (2) semesters (one academic year), or expelled, dependent upon the extent of the vandalism committed.