



## OFFICE OF THE STUDENT REGENT

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FOR: All students, student councils, organizations and other formations

SUBJECT: Student rights and responsibilities in the University  
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Three years ago we were confronted with the question of student discipline, as the UP Diliman administration proposed an overhaul of rules and regulations governing conduct of individual students, organization, fraternities and sororities.

Student response has been varied, spirited, and profound, ranging from a philosophical rethinking of our role in the university, to practical and personal testimonials. Essentially, the administration draft was rejected because of contrary concepts and ideas.

Diliman student councils, with the support of key officials, thus took on the task of consolidating the many positions into a document that could suitably stand as a code of student conduct. This caucus has finally produced two drafts: the declaration of Student Rights, and the Code of Student Conduct (2012 version). Both are intended to be part of the Student Manual, a compilation of materials that will define student life in UP. This matter will be discussed by the Diliman University Council at their July 2012 meeting.

These texts reflect important sentiments:

- That maintenance of student discipline and conduct are best placed on self-government, counseling and guidance, within a framework that is corrective rather than punitive;
- That fundamental and academic rights of students and all other members of the UP community must be clearly identified and guaranteed, consistent with the rule of law; and
- That students must be able to participate in decision- and policy-making in the University, at all basic levels of administration.

The drafts attached, also available on the website <http://upstudentregent.weebly.com>, are now open for review and closer scrutiny of all students across the system.

Onward for our democratic rights,

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