



## 5.21 – SSCC - Student Rights and Responsibilities v080519

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- D. **Non-Discrimination:** Students have the right to an academic and work environment free of illegal discrimination. The NMSU Notice of Non-Discrimination is available here: <https://equity.nmsu.edu/notice-of-non-discrimination/>. Discrimination is governed by ARP 3.25-Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct on Campus.
- E. **Reasonable Accommodation:** Students have the right to request a reasonable accommodation based on disability. To request an accommodation, the Student may contact the Dean of Students directly at 575-646-1722, or the Student Accessibility Services at 575-646-6840 (V/TTY) or [sas@nmsu.edu](mailto:sas@nmsu.edu).
- F. **Sanction Compliance:** Students must complete all sanction(s) accepted or imposed by the Hearing Officer or Appeal Officer, as appropriate, and notify the Dean of Students that the sanction(s) has been completed.
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- H. **Use of NMSU Email Account:** Students are required to check their assigned NMSU email account regularly for official correspondence relating to student status. Students are responsible for reading and responding to communications sent to their NMSU email account. A failure to participate in an SSCC conduct case based on a lack of actual knowledge of items delivered to the Student's NMSU email account is not a viable excuse or defense.

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