

a final decision on the involuntary withdrawal as long as the student has received notice of the concern, and had an opportunity to address the concern, and the student is afforded a Hearing and right to appeal the final decision. During a temporary suspension, the student may not attend classes, use University services and/or resources (except those expressly permitted by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs or designee), and may not be on campus until the proceedings have been resolved. If the student needs to return to campus, the visit must be coordinated through the Vice Provost for Student Affairs or designee and the Texas Tech Police Department.

h. Involuntary Withdrawal Assessment

An individualized, objective assessment will be completed to determine whether a direct threat exists, and if so, whether the student should be permitted to remain enrolled at the University.

The assessment will be based in part on reasonable medical judgment, using current medical knowledge, or the best available objective information, to assess the student's ability to safely participate in the University's programs. Additionally, the assessment may include but not limited to information related to the student's threat to self or others, non-compliance with University requirements or expectations, and/or lack of Academic progress. Students with disabilities have the right to have their disability considered during the Committee's review. However, the student must adhere to all academic requirements and technical standards set forth by their department or college. The student must be able to meet the requirements with or without accommodations for their disability. The assessment will be in the form of a written report containing the findings and recommendations of the medical and other professionals performing the assessment.

Within five (5) University working days from the initial meeting with the student or five University working days from the date of notice regarding the meeting, the student will be scheduled for an assessment with a medical doctor, a licensed counseling or clinical psychologist, and other professionals as appropriate. If applicable, this assessment would include a psychiatrist from Student Health Services and a psychologist from the Student Counseling Center. The student may provide information from other medical professionals as part of the assessment.

If a student elects not to participate in this assessment, the process will continue with the information that is otherwise available to consider.

The assessment will determine:

- The nature, duration, and severity of the risk;
- The probability that the potentially threatening injury will actually occur; and
- Whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will sufficiently mitigate the risk.

i. Involuntary Withdrawal Committee

The assessment report will be forwarded to the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee for review.

The Involuntary Withdrawal Committee is comprised of the following voting members: the student's Associate Academic Dean, Director of the Student Counseling Center,

Medical Director of Student Health Services, Director of Student Disability Services, and Dean of Students. If the student resides in campus housing, the Director of Student Housing will also serve as a voting member of the committee. The Dean of Students or designee will chair the committee. If the student is a law student, the Associate Dean for Student Life will also serve as a voting member of the committee. A non-voting resource person may be assigned from the Vice Provost for Student Affairs to present information and assist the committee. The Involuntary University Withdrawal Committee will meet with the student in an informal, non-adversarial Hearing to review the information collected throughout the process, and discuss the assessment with the student. The student will be permitted an opportunity to address the evidence being considered by the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee.

The Hearing will be scheduled by the Office of the Dean of Students within five (5) University working days of the completion of the individualized assessment. The student will be provided the information to be considered at the Hearing by the Dean of Students in advance of the Hearing. The student may elect to attend the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee Hearing and present information on their behalf. The student may be accompanied by one or more advisors. A non-voting resource person will present information and act as a recorder for the committee. When deliberating a decision, the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee will meet in closed session with only voting members and the resource person present. Following the Hearing, the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee will recommend one of the following:

- the student may remain enrolled at the University with no restrictions;
- the student may remain enrolled at the University subject to specific conditions and/or restrictions as defined by the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee; or
- The student should be involuntarily withdrawn from the University upon a specific date.

j. Review of Committee Recommendation

The Dean of Students or designee will notify the student in writing of the decision within five University working days.

k. Appeals Process

The student may appeal the decision of the Dean of Students or designee by submitting a written appeal to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs within five (5) University working days. The student will be notified in writing of the final decision within five (5) University working days of receipt of the appeal.

l. Final Decision

Upon completion of the appeal process or with no receipt of an appeal, the student who is involuntarily withdrawn may not attend class or use University facilities, must vacate University housing within 48 hours and may not return to campus unless approved by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. Referrals will be made for the student upon request to appropriate community resources, i.e. medical care and housing. The student may be entitled to refunds of prorated tuition, fees, and room and board charges as a result of involuntary withdrawal. A registration hold will be placed on the student's record at the direction of the Dean of Students or designee, limiting any subsequent registration until

approval is given by the Dean of Students or designee.

m. Eligibility for Readmission

Students are eligible for consideration of readmission following an involuntary withdrawal after one calendar year. At that time, the student should present documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students for review. Documentation may include, but it is not limited to, current psychological evaluation, demonstration of ongoing medical care, and a plan for care upon re-enrollment. The documentation shall be presented to the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee for recommendation to the Dean of Students or designee. Readmission requests and documentation must be presented by February 1 for summer enrollment, May 1 for fall enrollment, and October 1 for spring enrollment. Readmission will be contingent upon demonstration or documentation that the student is no longer a direct threat, and upon meeting admission deadlines and requirements.