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**Policy 2019-02: *Guidance on Campus Police Authority to
Effect Arrests***

See Also:

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Amended:

A. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines, in conformity with 42 Pa. C.S. § 8902, for use by campus police in determining when an arrest may be made without a warrant for a summary offense.

B. Policy

1. Authority to Effect Arrest for Enumerated Offenses

Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 8902, campus police officers shall, upon the officer's personal view, have the right to arrest without warrant upon probable cause where there is ongoing conduct that imperils the personal security of any person or endangers private or public property for any of the following offenses, when such offense constitutes a summary offense pursuant to the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, 18 Pa.C.S. § 101 et seq.:

- A. 18 Pa.C.S. § 5503 (relating to disorderly conduct);
- B. 18 Pa.C.S. § 5505 (relating to public drunkenness);
- C. 18 Pa.C.S. § 6308 (relating to purchase, consumption; possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages); and
- D. 18 Pa.C.S. § 5507 (relating to obstructing highways and other public passages).

2. Procedural Guidelines

The procedures outlined in the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure relating to arrests in summary cases without a warrant (Pa. R. Crim. P. 441) shall be followed in all cases where a warrantless arrest is made for the offenses enumerated above.

Warrantless arrests shall not be utilized except as authorized by the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, or where otherwise expressly permitted by law.

C. Effective Date: Immediately.