

#### **Article IV. Authority**

The Student Conduct Officer shall determine the composition of the Hearing Bodies and Appellate Boards, in accordance with Article XIII and will determine which Hearing Body and Appellate Board shall be authorized to hear each case. The Student Conduct Officer oversees the administration of the conduct program and procedural rules for the conduct of hearings which are consistent with the provisions of the *Student Code of Conduct*. Decisions made by a Hearing Body and/or Student Conduct Officer shall be final, pending the normal appeal process, when applicable. A Hearing Body may be designated as mediator of disputes within the student community in cases which do not involve a violation of the *Student Code of Conduct*. All parties must agree to mediation and to be bound by the decision with no right of appeal.