Conduct Committee Hearing FAQs

“What can I expect before the hearing?”

- Once it has been determined, either by the respondent or the case administrator, that a case will go to a committee, you will:
  - Meet with the Assistant Dean of Students to
    - Review the process and procedure
    - Ask any and all questions
  - Meetings, phone calls, and emails can happen as often as needed!
    The key is for you to feel as comfortable as possible moving forward in the process
  - A packet of information including the investigative report, names of witnesses, advisers, and an outline of the hearing agenda. This will come through your Lafayette e-mail
  - Notification of the time and place of the hearing at least 48 hours in advance

“What happens in the hearing?”

- No one is obligated to participate in the hearing, and if they choose not to participate the hearing will proceed with the information available to the committee
- The hearing is conducted by a panel of faculty, staff, and students who are trained members of the Faculty Committee on Student Conduct
- You may bring an (optional) adviser, who can be any faculty member, staff member or current student at Lafayette College. This person is present for support and may not address the committee.

Outcomes

Outcomes related to the charges will be decided by hearing panelists. A letter will be sent to respondent(s) listing these outcomes and the panel’s rationale. Outcomes of suspension or expulsion are noted on a student’s transcript.

Optional Appeal

Respondent(s) can appeal the decision(s) and the procedure of the conduct hearing under certain circumstances outlined in the Student Handbook. It is recommended that you schedule a meeting with the Assistant Dean of Students to review the criteria and process for an appeal before proceeding.

For a more detailed explanation, please consult the Lafayette College Student Handbook (pages 39 – 41).