Resources for Faculty Members Working with Distressed Students

Dean of Students Office
One-on-One Consultation:
Faculty members who have concern for students in distress should contact the Dean of Students Office in one of several ways:
• phone: 1-3787
• e-mail: dean.students@vt.edu
• after hours: contact VT Police at 1-6411 for connection to Dean of Students staff member

Helpful Resources found on the Dean of Students website, dos.vt.edu
• Responding to Disruptive or Threatening Student Behavior: A Guide for Faculty
• Responding to Disturbing Creative Writing
• Video links: Identifying and Referring the Distressed Student

Reporting System:
To further complement the ongoing efforts to address recommendations of the 4/16 Governor’s Review Panel, the Dean of Students Office is now offering a new tool for faculty members to use in sharing concern for a student. The new tool, called the “Dean of Students Reporting System,” is available within the Hokie SPA/Faculty Access menu. This new tool closely parallels the academic advising system already utilized by faculty. As always, matters needing immediate attention should be directed to the Virginia Tech Police Department at 540/231-6411. This is not a system to use for emergencies.

Care Team
The purpose of the Care Team is to review student incidents from the previous weekend, cases from the prior week and continuing individual student cases. This team focuses on the somewhat routine matters of crisis, disturbing behavior, medical and psychiatric situations, regarding individual students. Care Team meets once per week during the academic year and every other week during the summer

Training for Faculty and Staff
Training sessions for faculty and staff are conducted prior to fall semester each year. The sessions, “Identifying and Referring the Distressed Student,” are conducted by the Dean of Students Office and Cook Counseling Center. In addition, video links of the training session are available on the Dean of Students site – dos.vt.edu

Additional Resources for Student Referrals
In case of an immediate emergency, call VT Police: 231-6411
Cook Counseling Center (for psychological concerns) 231-6557
Services for Students with Disabilities (for academic accommodations) 231-0858
Campus Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center (for substance abuse issues) 231-2233
Judicial Affairs (for violations of Student Code of Conduct) 231-3790
Virginia Tech Women’s Center (for cases of sexual assault or gender issues) 231-7806
Residence Life (for concerns about the health and well-being of on-campus students) 231-6205