

Ethical Decision-Making Model for Student Affairs

Kocet, McCauley, & Thompson (2009)

1. Develop an ethical worldview.
2. Identify the ethical dilemma/problem.
3. Weigh competing ethical principles.
4. Select relevant ethical guidelines/professional standards.
5. Examine potential cultural/contextual issues impacting the ethical dilemma.
6. Investigate applicable laws, campus regulations, policies, procedures, handbooks, websites, etc.
7. Search for ethical/legal/professional precedence.
8. Collaborative consultation and brainstorming.
9. Evaluate possible consequences and options of action/inaction.
10. Choose a course of action.
11. Implement selected course of action.
12. Reflect on the experience as it relates to future ethical decisions.