Critical Response Plan – Civil/Social Causes
Campus Disturbance or Demonstration

A congregation of students and/or others on walkways of the campus, in lobbies, halls, classrooms, or office doorways that prevent college employees or students from attending classes, entering libraries, study rooms and/or offices shall not be permitted.

Preventing persons from pursing their lawful occupation is a criminal violation of the laws of Texas. Students who participate in such activities shall be subject to disciplinary sanction, and those unconnected with the campus shall be referred to local law enforcement authorities for possible prosecution under the laws of Texas.

In emergency situations, the College President or his/her designated representatives have the responsibility to determine when the conditions cited above prevail and shall have the authority to take such steps as are deemed necessary and reasonable to prevent such disruption.

Non-Violent, Disruptive Demonstrations

In the event that a demonstration blocks access to college facilities or interferes with college operations:

- Demonstrators will be asked to terminate the disruptive activity by the Campus President or his/her designated representative. This authority can be given to the Dean of Student Development or the Evening/Weekend Director.
- If the demonstrators persist in the disruptive activity, they will be advised that failure to discontinue the specified action within a determined length of time may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion or possible intervention by College Police.
- Efforts should be made to secure positive identification (including photograph identification deemed advisable) of demonstrators in violation to facilitate later testimony.
- The Campus President or designee will determine the need for the injunction of civil authorities. If court injunction is obtained, the demonstrators will be so informed. Those demonstrators who refuse to comply will be warned of the intention to arrest.

Violent Disruptive Demonstrations

In the event that a violent demonstration in which injury to persons or property occurs or appears eminent:

- Notify College Police Emergency #5555.
- The College Chief of Police will notify the Campus President of the current situation. The Dean of Student Enrollment will also be contacted for his/her presence at the scene.
- Chief of Police will ensure sufficient officers to contain the demonstrators. Should an insufficient number of officers be available, back-up officers from the local law enforcement will be requested.
- The Campus President or designee, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, will determine if and when arrests are to be made.
- The Campus President or designee will notify the Communications Director for media interaction and digital recording of event.
Critical Response Plan – Civil/Social Causes
Persons with Suicidal or Homicidal Tendencies

Individuals exhibiting suicidal or homicidal tendencies should be provided assistance within the limits of the institution. The Lead Counselor in the Center for Student Development and Vice Chancellor of Human Resources are the individuals determined to provide this assistance.

Upon immediate notification of the occurrence, the appropriate administrator will do the following:

- Contact a family member (spouse, parent, significant other) and get them in charge of the situation as soon as possible.

In the event a family member cannot be contacted, it may be necessary to arrange for the individual to be taken to a hospital, clinic, or doctor’s office for treatment. The administrator in charge and the College Police will coordinate these actions:

- An individual that agrees to accept assistance will be referred to a professional treatment center or escorted by College Police to the Harris County Psychiatric Center or Ben Taub Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation and possible hospitalization.

- An individual that refuses assistance and found to be a danger to self and/or others will be taken into custody by College Police and escorted to the Harris County Psychiatric Center where a mental health warrant will be obtained by the Harris County Clerk’s Office. Two College Police officers should be present during this transport, as well as the appropriate administrator.

- An individual that has harmed themselves is considered a medical emergency. Ambulatory service would automatically take into custody and make the decision of transport location.

Harris County Clerk’s Office
Room 1A33
Harris County Psychiatric Center
2800 S. McGregor
Houston, TX 77021
713-741-6014