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## Sigma Pi penalized for fight at party

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Sigma Pi fraternity is under disciplinary sanction by Western Michigan University for its contribution to a bloody altercation at one of the fraternity's parties held earlier this year.

Additionally, the WMU Office of Student Conduct found one student, Sigma Pi president Luke McGee, "responsible" for violating the dishonesty provision of the university's Code of Student Conduct.

The university sanctions are the latest development in the aftermath of a brawl involving 25-30 members at the Sigma Pi fraternity house, which took place in the early morning hours of Feb. 1.

According to Suzie Nagel, associate dean of students, the Office of Student

Activities and Leadership Programs, which governs disputes involving entire student organizations, found that Sigma Pi was responsible for violating three sections of the Interfraternity Council/Pan-Hellenic Conference risk management policy: holding an "open" party, conducting a function with alcohol present and violating policies with full knowledge of the requirements of the risk management guidelines.

These violations were found to have directly contributed to the environment that made the violence at the party possible.

Nagel also noted that two students were charged with violations of the WMU Code of Student Conduct. One student, charged with disruptive behavior and with physical or verbal

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## Litynski to leave provost job

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Daniel M. Litynski, Western Michigan University's provost and vice president of academic affairs since 2002, announced Wednesday that he was leaving his administrative role, although he will continue to serve as a member of the WMU faculty.

"It's time to be looking at the next phase of life," Litynski said. He intends to return to research and to explore his interest in engineering pedagogy after taking a year-long leave of absence.

Litynski is a tenured professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The resignation takes effect

as of July 1. According to the Office of University Relations, WMU President Judith Bailey will consult with "academic leaders" before she appoints an interim provost.

The announcement of Litynski's departure from the university administration was made public in an e-mail to faculty and staff, sent Wednesday afternoon. In the letter, the provost said that he looked forward "to the chance to participate more directly in the education of our students and the scholarship of our academy."

Before arriving at WMU in 1999, Litynski had taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he had

served as head of the electrical engineering and computer science department. A career military officer, he retired from the armed forces at the rank of brigadier general.

Since his arrival in Kalamazoo, Litynski has served as dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and was the interim president of the university between former President Elson Floyd's departure in December 2002 and Bailey's appointment in the late spring of 2003.

When asked about the timing of his decision, Litynski noted that he had hired several good new deans and built a solid organization in the provost's office.

"This university is in a good, strong position," he said about current academic leadership.



Litynski