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DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES  
OFFICE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY STANDARDS

TO: University Senate  
FROM: Mike Gillilan, Student Rights and Community Standards (SRCS)  
DATE: February 13, 2018  
RE: Proposed changes to *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*

Thank you for your review of proposed changes to the [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities \(Code\)](#). These changes address only the *Code* only and does not include any proposed changes to policies associated with the *Code* as appendices (e.g., Alcohol policy).

Highlights of proposed changes to the *Code*'s text are below:

1. Separate Section 6.7 Grade Appeals and Section VII Academic Ethics from *Code* and publish as stand-alone policies similar to *Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy-Appendix K*. Grade appeal and academic ethics procedures are not changed by this separation but will no longer be subordinate to *Code*. This proposal also reflects the authority of faculty and Associate Provost's office over these policies in contrast to the offices that implement the *Code*.
2. Move sanctioning from the responsibilities of the University Review Board to SRCS professional employees. When hearings result in findings of responsibility, the sanctions already proposed in writing by SRCS to respondents will be imposed. This will reduce time commitment for faculty and student panelists, increase consistency in outcomes, and retain accountability through the existing appeal process.
3. Authorize the Director of SRCS to impose expulsion (the Director is authorized to impose suspension) in cases where it is warranted and (1) when informal resolution is sought by a respondent or (2) when a hearing panel finds a student responsible for one or more violations (this is coupled with above).
4. Change section 6.4 procedures to recognize separation of Greek Life from Student Life.
5. Change section 6.5.4 University Review Board (URB) to clarify roles of SRCS and SGA in recruiting, selecting, appointing, and training student URB members to ensure consistency, transparency, accountability, and sustainability over time and across SGA transitions. The proposed changes are the result of discussion among SGA executives, SRCS administrators, and Associate VP Ro Anne Royer Engle.
6. Make changes to clarify and/or make more transparent certain terms and procedures, for example, "student" (when also an employee), "conduct probation," and "interim suspension."
7. Make the *Code*'s text gender-neutral, for example, removing "his/her" and similar by striking, modifying "student" to "students" to take advantage of plural/gender-neutral formations, and occasionally using "their" as a singular possessive.
8. Make text changes: "judicial" to "conduct," "disciplinary" to "conduct," correct Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services where incorrect, change "University" to "university," and referencing anticipated Dean of Students office/position where appropriate.
9. Make minor corrections to text (e.g., errant or repeated words) and structure.

In fall 2018, the *Code* will be published online as a pdf document with internal and external hyperlinks, be fully searchable, and be fully accessible to special readers, etc. Existing web pages will be removed.