

Faculty Senate



M2020.21.15 Motion to Recommend Approval of Revised Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities Proposed by the Office of Student Accountability

Originator: Academic Policies Committee

Whereas,

The goal of this proposed rule is to ensure that the University's values are consistently and fairly applied to student behavior and that when a violation of the University's expectations for student behavior occurs, the Campus community is able to hold them accountable through a fundamentally fair process that balances the rights of all involved parties.

Whereas,

Major changes include, but are not limited to:

- Moving from a "solo administrator" decision making model to a "hearing board" model;
- Community responsibility for decision making, creating a pool of faculty, students, and staff who will hear cases;
- Incorporating due process protections required under case, State, and Federal laws and regulations;
- Combining processes for handling academic misconduct and behavioral misconduct;
- Allowing for Alternative Resolutions and Informal Resolutions to occur prior to a formal hearing process;
- Separating functions to reduce conflicts of interest (ex. Non-OSA appeal reader, Non-OSA hearing officer);
- Enumerating, where necessary, behavioral standards to ensure greater understanding.

Whereas,

The University of Memphis is required by the State of Tennessee to complete a rule-making process that elicits and is responsive to feedback from the individuals that will be impacted by the rule.

Be it resolved that,

The Faculty Senate recommends approval of the attached document titled, "Rules of the University of Memphis, Chapter 0240-10-07, Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities" proposed by the Office of Student Accountability.

Recipients:

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Motion Passed 10/27/2020

Vote: 37 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstain