

UNIVERSITY SENATE

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Student Conduct Committee

Review of the Code of Student Conduct (V-1.00[B]) Modification Regarding Housing Termination

2022-2023 Committee

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BACKGROUND

In August 2023, James Bond, Director of Student Conduct, submitted a proposal to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requesting that the *Code of Student Conduct (Code)*, be amended to address language inadvertently included regarding the Administrative Housing Termination process. This language is in direct conflict with the Department of Resident Life's (DRL) long-standing administrative process for the review of Housing Terminations that result from Disciplinary Conferences, which are handled internally.

This oversight essentially gives the *Code* authority over the Administrative Process which should not be the case. If not corrected in the *Code*, it would result in a misalignment between the policy and a practice by DRL. The *Code* addresses disciplinary matters and sanctions; administrative sanctions are established as a contractual agreement with DRL and spelled out in their Community Living Handbook.

Amending the language in the *Code* would not take any rights away from a student, it only expedites the process by which an administrative housing sanction can be reviewed in the event of a Disciplinary Conference. The Department of Resident Life has already had this additional review in place and the revisions to the *Code* overstepped in taking authority over an administrative Resident Life process. Removing Housing Termination from the *Code* does not conflict with the goals of the *Code* revision, which was to provide students with the right of an additional review for certain outcomes. It simply corrects an oversight of the expedited revision process.

At its meeting on September 11, 2023, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) voted to charge the "Code of Student Conduct Modification Regarding Housing Termination" proposal (Senate Document #23-24-05) to the Student Conduct Committee (Appendix 1).

COMMITTEE WORK

The Student Conduct Committee (SCC) began working on the charge from the SEC at its September 29, 2023 meeting. The committee reviewed the proposal, the *Code of Student Conduct*, and the Department of Resident Life's Community Living Handbook. After, the committee met with