

**Memo:** University Faculty Council  
**From:** UFC Student Affairs Committee  
**Subject:** Robert Yost and Mary Popp, co-chairs  
**Code of Student Rights Responsibilities and Conduct**  
**Date:** March 8, 2004

***Preamble:***

The current Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct consists of five parts related to students. Parts I and III discuss Student Rights and Responsibilities and Conduct. Parts II and IV outline and discuss procedural issues related to personal or academic misconduct. Part V lists general provisions of the code and contains definitions.

Our current goal is to update language in parts I and III to better reflect social, cultural, and technology changes, which have occurred since the last revision of the code in 1996. These changes will provide clearer guidance for student affairs offices where these issues have been raised.

Our long-term goal is to review the codes of other CIC universities and to work on a more complete revision, shortening and simplification of the Code that will focus on core values, on positive expectations of student behavior and on student rights, freedoms and guarantees of due process. At the same time, we propose to remove parts II and IV from the Code and ask each campus to prepare its own guidelines to allow for flexibility in procedures which reflect the different needs and governing structures of the individual campuses. To this end, we will make every effort to simplify the code as requested by the trustees in their adoption of the last code revisions.

***Resolution:***

A shorter and more simplified Code will assist students, faculty and administrators in understanding and upholding the shared values of members of the university community. The University Faculty Council:

- 1: calls on members of the academic community from every campus, including faculty, students and administration, to work with a UFC Student Affairs subcommittee to rewrite the code as outlined in the preamble.
- 2: directs that this work begin as a working retreat during the summer of 2004 and supports making funds available for this retreat. This work will result in a Code brought before the UFC for adoption by the midpoint of the 2005 spring semester.
- 3: supports the development of Code sections on core values, definitions, and behavioral expectations (currently sections I, III, and V) as a document that can be used as a system wide code, and the removal of Code sections on specific procedures for student complaints and misconduct (currently sections II and IV) to administrative procedures to allow for campus flexibility in procedural issues.

By Action of the University Faculty Council: March 9, 2004