

## MEMORANDUM

To: University Faculty Council Student Affairs Committee  
 From: Richard N. McKaig, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, IUB  
 Date: April 3, 2008  
 Subject: Proposed Changes in *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct*

Major changes in the Indiana University *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* were approved by the UFC and the IU Board of Trustees for implementation on August 15, 2005. After completion of two academic years using the new code, we have identified the sections listed below as worthy of further revision. The UFC Student Affairs Committee is asked to consider these changes for submission to the UFC and IU Board of Trustees. Final approval is requested in time for implementation in August 2008.

1. **Preamble and Part I: Student Rights (Pages 1-2 in current code)** – A new bullet point has been added in the Preamble to underscore that learning as an important student responsibility. In Part I, information from the “Code of Academic Ethics” that had been removed in the last revision of the Code has been reinstated with an updated version of nondiscrimination policy. Academic administrators who work with such issues as academic integrity, classroom management, and grade appeals found it to be helpful in the past as a readily accessible source of information for students and faculty.
2. **Part I: Student Rights (Pages 2-3 in current code)** – Gender identity would be added in all places in the code that list protected categories from discrimination. After consulting with the Director of the IU Affirmative Action Office, it appears prudent to plan for inclusion of this term as IU considers updating its nondiscrimination clauses to be in line with other universities, businesses, and government agencies.
3. **Part III: Procedures for Implementation of the Code (Page 13 in current code)** – Individual campuses currently are given the option of allowing advisors to speak on behalf of students at final appeal hearings. The proposed revision would enable campuses to more actively involve advisors at both the formal hearing (Hearing Commission) and final appeal levels of the campus judicial process. Campuses could also allow advisors to make statements at the judicial conference level. By not allowing such participation of advisors, persons who assist students in understanding and preparing for their judicial hearings report that some students have found the process to be intimidating and not conducive to attaining the intended educational outcome.
4. **Part IV: General Provisions, Definitions, Adoption Provisions, and Appendices (Page 14 in current code)** -- Definition of student would be revised to include persons

admitted to any university program. This change would facilitate holding participants in such programs as Hoosier Link, in which students are taking classes alternately at both Ivy Tech and IU Bloomington in order to gain full admission to IU, accountable if they violate IU policy.

Thank you for considering these proposed changes. Any questions may be directed to us via the Faculty Council Office at (812) 855-5408.

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