

MEMORANDUM

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From: Hunter R. Rawlings

Re: Proposed Changes to Campus Code of Conduct

Date: May 15, 2006

In November, 2005, I asked Barbara L. Krause, Senior Advisor to the President and former Judicial Administrator, to undertake a thorough review of the Campus Code of Conduct and to produce a proposed revision of the Code. As requested, she has presented me with her comprehensive report and recommendations, along with proposed drafts of a "conduct code" and a "student disciplinary system." These three documents are attached.

Since the Campus Code of Conduct and related disciplinary processes affect all members of the Ithaca campus, it is important that there be opportunities for members of the university community to comment on the proposed changes. For that reason, I ask that you read these materials with great care and be prepared to join President-elect David Skorton and others, in the fall, in discussing the recommended changes before The Board of Trustees is asked to take any action regarding them.

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While Ms. Krause has suggested a fundamental change to the student discipline system, it is important to underscore that the proposed Conduct Code, while much simplified from the current version, would continue to apply to all members of the Ithaca campus community: students, faculty and staff. The major change she proposes concerns how violations of the code are to be handled when they are committed by students. Since 97% of the caseload (which now surpasses 800 annually) the judicial administrator handles each year is in student cases, Ms. Krause's suggestion to move the student disciplinary function is worthy of serious consideration.

There are other issues about which I could express an opinion (e.g., is the Office of Student Conduct the right title for such an office; how best do we describe an appeals process; should the proposed Conduct Code with its aspirational precepts of behavior be applicable to the University's other campuses; etc.). However, I think it more appropriate that such discussion occur with President-elect David Skorton, the faculty, staff and students in the fall.

I want to thank Barbara Krause publicly for her extraordinarily thoughtful and thorough analysis. I find her recommendations intriguing and I commend them for your careful review as well.

Attachment