

Subsidiary Motion Regarding the Resolution Concerning Excessive and Unreasonable Delay in the Conduct of Disciplinary Hearings and Providing for Reform of Procedures under the Student Code of Conduct

Sponsored by the University Faculty Committee (UFC)

Preamble. By advancing this motion, we aim to ensure that faculty voices are not only heard but meaningfully integrated into institutional decision-making processes, consistent with our commitment to shared governance and the long-term health of the university. This motion acknowledges the ongoing dialogue between the University Faculty Committee and the resolution sponsors and affirms our shared commitment to transparency and collaboration. It also reflects the procedural support provided by the UFC, including efforts to obtain relevant data from the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS), in response to sponsor requests.

Motion. The University Faculty Committee recognizes that the resolution raises serious concerns about administrative accountability and procedural delays. In order to determine whether these concerns reflect broader systemic issues, we recommend referral of the matter to a standing committee for review following proposed revisions by the sponsors. Therefore, the University Faculty Committee moves that:

1. The sponsors of the resolution titled, “Resolution Concerning Excessive and Unreasonable Delay in the Conduct of Disciplinary Hearings and Providing for Reform of Procedures under the Student Code of Conduct,” consider revising the resolution by October 13, 2025, in accordance with the recommendations outlined below.
2. Upon receipt of the revised resolution or on October 14, the Committee on Academic Programs and Policies (CAPP) shall conduct a review and provide feedback by October 27, in preparation for consideration at the November Faculty Senate meeting.

Recommended Revisions:

- Split the resolution into two distinct components:
 - One focused on censure of Central Administration.
 - One focused on process improvements to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Refine the “Whereas” clauses to provide background context without prematurely stating conclusions.
- Acknowledge the formal review process underway by the Office of Student and Campus Life and offer constructive suggestions that may inform or enhance that process.
- The UFC has been in communication with the sponsors to suggest that incorporating relevant data from the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (OSCCS) regarding the number and duration of formal hearings would help contextualize concerns about procedural delays and support evidence-based recommendations. The Office of the Dean of Faculty, on behalf of the sponsors, has arranged for Vice President Lombardi to come to the Faculty Senate to present these OSCCS findings for Faculty Senate consideration.