

Meeting 05 (01/16/2024)

ATTENDEES

2023-24 Co-chairs

*Bill Ramos, Public Health, wramos@iu.edu

*Catherine Sherwood-Laughlin, Public Health, csherwoo@iu.edu

Members: * in attendance

*Dacia Charlesworth, Kelley School of Business

*Kristine Eaton, Indiana Institute for Disability and Community

*Jane Ann Grogg, Optometry

*John Moreland, Libraries

Alain Barker, Music

*Richard Hardy, Biology

*Christi Walton, Kelley School of Business

Maurice Shirley, Education

*Katie Ruffner, IU Student Government Representative (note- Katie is replacing Cooper Tinsley)

*Chelsea Brinda GPSG Representative

*Jeff Rutherford, Graduate Education

*David Daleke, VP Graduate Education (Ex officio)

*Lamar Hylton, VP for Student Life (Ex officio)

*Libby Spotts, Student Conduct (Ex officio)

*Anna Krause, Student Conduct (Ex officio)

*Janett Thomas, Student Conduct (Ex officio)

*Kathy Adams Riester, Associate Vice Provost and Dean of Students (Ex officio)

1. AGENDA:

Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of the 1/16/2024 Agenda

3. Approval of 12/6/23 Meeting Minutes

4. Committee review of Academic Misconduct policy areas

a. Continue discussion on Action Items not addressed at the December meeting.

b. Discussion of changes to University Policy ACA-33, email, and documents in Notes.
(Cooper/Katie)

5. Review the timeline for first and second readings at BFC Spring 2024 meetings: First reading- February 13, 2024, Second reading-March 5, 2024

6. Fostering Student/Faculty Connections (email from Nicky Belle in Notes)- did not have time to discuss

7. Spring 2024 Meeting Dates- Calendar invites and Zoom links sent: Tuesdays, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on January 16th, February 20th, March 19th, and April 16th

8. Other items

NOTES/DISCUSSIONS:

WELCOME to Katie Ruffner. Cooper is now the Executive Chief of Staff for IUSG. We thank him for his service on this committee.

APPROVAL OF THE 1/16/2024 AGENDA Motion: Grogg

2nd: Charlesworth Vote: All in favor

APPROVAL OF 12/6/23 MEETING MINUTES Motion: Ramos

2nd Charlesworth Vote: All in favor

COMMITTEE REVIEW OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY AREAS

a. Continue discussion on Action Items not addressed at the December meeting. Summary of discussions at each meeting can be reviewed in this [working document](#)

Reviewing the size of the campus board of review for each case. Specifically considering the time and coordination to establish a board and how that may contribute to delays in the process for the student.

Current Language: Campus Review Boards

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A Campus Review Board must consist of five members, including three members of the faculty and two students. The board must not include any faculty or students from the department in which the misconduct allegedly occurred.

The presiding officer of the board is appointed by the Vice Provost and must be a member of the faculty.

The Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education will establish the procedures for [Campus Review Board hearings](#), which must be consistent with the [General Principles](#) in these Procedures.

Discussion:

[Congress Enrolled Act \(Tinsley Act of 2023\)- Katie](#)

Need a pool for the summer. Act has been passed; it may be challenged by the Supreme Court. President will make the appointments to the lower court. The Act does not contain the language that indicated if we cannot find anyone from IUSG and GPSG, the VPSL or Dean of Students can appoint another trained student to the hearing board. Need language to prevent delaying cases being heard. Can this language be added to the Code- but the request has been added through IUSG and not through the Code. Go into the student governing document not the Code document. Need another Act or another legislative document. Katie and Libby will meet to help get the language to draft another Act. Katie- check with Cooper to determine if a draft is available.

Question by Rich about faculty serving on the hearing and if the language is clear that if a faculty member is from the student's home department or unit, that faculty member will not serve on the hearing board. Libby clarified that faculty who have a conflict of interest with the student's home department or unit will not serve on the hearing board.

Katie will clarify that IUSG appointed students to the hearing boards can continue as a student representative on the board into the next academic year, until elections and appointments are determined in each October, which is the timeline IUSG holds elections and determines appointments on the board. This language does not go in the Code, but rather clarified with IUSG.

Discussion about the number of panelists on the board:

Number of panelists- 3 panelists-personal misconduct, decision board (2 faculty 1 student); academic fairness board and academic review board-3 faculty, 2 students. Anna- feedback from students- some students find 5 people intimidating. Kathy mentioned that it can be challenging to find 5 people for the board, at both the undergraduate and graduate level hearings. A smaller committee board helps with scheduling though the Tinsley Act may help with the scheduling and more students for the boards. Jane Ann- 5 people more fair- more opinions, discussions, and viewpoints. Catherine asked students, Katie and Chelsea, their perspectives about having 2 students v. 1 student on the board. Katie said it may be comforting for the students on the board to have 2 students. Chelsea commented that it may be uncomfortable for the 1 student on the board, may want another student on the board. Student Conduct staff help prepare the student board members, shadowing opportunities, have not heard there are concerns from students about the number of students on the board. Libby- we need to consider 5 vs 3, equity in processes. The question was asked, "Why treat one type of misconduct differently than others?"

Is the Office of Student Conduct able to meet the students' requests regarding meeting modality- in person or by Zoom- and yes, the staff do all they can do to meet the students' requests. It is difficult to schedule both faculty and student panelists over the summer.

Motion: Approve the change from 5 committee members (3 faculty and 2 students) to 3 committee members (2 faculty and 1 student) to be consistent with other process decision making boards (For both the Academic Fairness Committee and the Academic Misconduct Review Board).

**Motion to approve this change in the Student Code of Conduct made by Charlesworth
2nd Ruffner**

Vote by committee: 5 Yes 2 No (Students and IU Administrators did not vote, only SAC members)

Revised Language with track changes:

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~~Vice Provost by others from these lists.~~ should be replaced by the original appointing group.

6. A Campus Review Board must consist of ~~three~~ five members, including ~~two~~ three members of the faculty and ~~one~~ two students. The board must not include any faculty or students from the department in which the misconduct allegedly occurred.

7. The presiding officer of the board is appointed by the ~~Vice Provost~~ and must be a member of the faculty.

8. The ~~Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs~~ Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Health Sciences and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education will establish the procedures for Campus Review Board hearings, which must be consistent with the General Principles in these Procedures.

Establish a process for summer.

Current Language: No language currently exists, will revisit this at the next meeting.

Revised Language:

Explore if student members could extend beyond the groups identified in the procedures if trained appropriately.

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Discussion: Ensure, once trained, an appointed person can continue to serve, prior members if left the Board, they can still serve. Do they have to be reapproved every year. An IUSG question for Katie- if on Supreme Court, reaffirmed/appointed every year and can continue to serve-

they don't reapply- make sure these students can continue to serve in a new academic year.
Katie- get something in writing from IUSG- doesn't go in the Code.

Revised/New Language with Track Changes:

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REVIEW THE TIMELINE FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AT BFC SPRING 2024 MEETINGS

Revisit the timeline based on progress on the Action Items- best to bring all Action Items to the BFC at one meeting and not separately

First reading- February 13, 2024 Second reading-March 5, 2024

Catherine will contact Lana to reschedule the first and second reading dates.

Kathy and David Taylor suggested that Bill (on behalf of the BFC) present all of the Action Item changes to the BFC at the first reading.

SPRING 2024 MEETING DATES- Calendar invites and Zoom links sent: Tuesdays, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on January 16th, February 20th, March 19th, and April 16th

OTHER ITEMS

Tasks

- Catherine will contact Lana to get the 1st and 2nd readings rescheduled.
- Bill and Catherine will develop a document with track changes to the existing language in the misconduct sections of the Student Code of Conduct and send it to the committee for review before the next meeting.
- Katie will follow up with Cooper about the progress/implementation of the Act.
- Libby, Anna, and Jannet will present this Action Item at the next meeting: "Reviewing the number of appeals, taking into specific consideration the length of time it can take a student to complete all appeal options."