PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF 3335-23, “CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT”; SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

WHEREAS the Code of Student Conduct is the sole document which governs all student behavior at the University; and

WHEREAS the judicial process should be as clear and explanatory as possible for the benefit of all those involved, including students, administration, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS the Code does not reflect the actual practice of Student Judicial Affairs; and

WHEREAS some students believe they can avoid charges by withdrawing from classes/the University; and

WHEREAS the definition of complaint is too broad and a document that has not been provided to a University official should not be considered a complaint; and

WHEREAS attempts at prohibited conduct go against the intentions of the Code in the same way actual prohibited behavior does; and

WHEREAS stalking has become an increasing problem on campus which the Code did not explicitly deal with; and

WHEREAS the language for sexual misconduct has been vague and too loose for many years, and called for more specificity; and

WHEREAS incapacitated calls for a higher level of impairment than non-consent requires; and

WHEREAS a student may feel threatened even if the threat is not in actuality real or substantiated with a real weapon; and

WHEREAS even if a student possesses a legal weapons permit they are still not allowed to possess such devices on campus; and

WHEREAS the Code does not reflect the actual practice of regional campuses; and

WHEREAS due to the increased use of technology there has been a need for electronic misconduct to be addressed explicitly; and

WHEREAS email has been an acceptable form of communication in the university community; and

WHEREAS the Code does not reflect the actual practice of university housing; and
WHEREAS the Council on Student Affairs has created an ad-hoc committee to conduct a review on this document; and

WHEREAS the Council on Student Affairs has voted in favor of all the proposed changes; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the revisions to 3335-23 be approved by the University Senate and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, said proposal to be effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees, and printed notice is made available to students.