

Synopsis: In the course of work by the Space Standards writing committee in Summer 2024, conflicting policy was uncovered in Faculty Rules and the Student Code of Conduct regarding procedures for investigation and potential sanction of students accused of disruption. In the Fall of 2024, a working group which included representatives from the Council for Student Affairs, Rules, Faculty Council, Student Life, and Legal studied the issue and its history, dating back to the early 1970s. Since the Council for Student Affairs is responsible for all updates to the Student Code of Conduct, and since the Code is the sole document spelling out policy for student conduct investigations, CSA was tasked with updating their own language in relation to disruption. As part of their work, they offered suggestions for revisions to the Rules, including removing all language in Rules that touched on student conduct investigation.

WHEREAS conflicting policies and practices for investigating students charged with disruption were discovered; AND

WHEREAS the Faculty Rules do not have jurisdiction over student discipline, which is covered exclusively by the Student Code of Conduct; AND

WHEREAS the definitions of disruption in the Rules are in the chapter devoted to Student Affairs, even though the definitions apply to all members of the university community and to visitors; AND

WHEREAS the proposed version moves the language of disruption to a new section to clearly apply it to all members of the community; AND

WHEREAS language in the definition of disruption needed clarification and updating; AND

WHEREAS the changes proposed here were produced in consultation with the Committee for Student Affairs, which is responsible for updates to the Student Code of Conduct; AND

WHEREAS the changes proposed to the Rules and the related changes proposed to the Student Code of Conduct remove all duplication, conflicts, and outdated language;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that rule 3335-11 be amended and excised and a new rule 3335-10 be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.