

Student code approved, includes publications guide

An article outlining the rights and responsibilities of student publications and a policy statement on the distribution of material on campus were part of the sections of the new "Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct" approved at the Student Affairs Committee meeting yesterday.

Other sections approved dealt with student participation in institutional governance, protests and demonstrations, and one concerning student academic and personal records.

According to the policy statement, the student newspaper is to be free of censorship. This section provides for the protection of editors and managers from suspension due to editorial policy or content. All student publications must, however, explicitly state that editorial opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the institution or the student body.

Distribution of written material on campus is permitted provided it does not disrupt operations of the university and provided it has been properly registered procedures which already exist on campus.

In another section of the new code, the students' role in the educational policy-making of the university through membership on student-faculty committees was reinforced. Participatory functions were emphasized on such committees as discipline,

curriculum, and allocation of student funds.

This section states that the role of student government shall be made explicit. Review of student government action will not take place unless review procedures are agreed upon in advance.

A part of the code entitled "Demonstrations and Protests" presents a general outline of the rights and responsibilities involved with the concept of free speech. Disruptive activities are described in some detail but, in summary, the code states that persons are subject to the university's rules when on the campus.

Academic and personal records of students are confidential materials and will be made public only at the
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request of the student except under court order or subpoena and to faculty members and administrators who have a legitimate interest in such information. Upon graduation or withdrawal from the university, the records will be subject to the same provision of the code.