SP.21.05 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.7 – Conference on Conduct Governance

BACKGROUND
In the final stages of reviewing SP.20.18 (approved by the Senate on November 16, 2020), the Conference on Conduct Governance (CG) identified additional potential changes to the Bylaws. CG suggests that it would be clearer and more consistent with Senate nomenclature to change its name to the Council on Student Conduct Expectations and Accountability and proposes additional changes to its duties.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the Bylaws. Text to be deleted is struck through and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.7 – Conference on Conduct Governance

7. Conference on Conduct Governance Council on Student Conduct Expectations and Accountability
   a. Duties
      The Conference is a Senate Committee that shall make recommendations regarding policies on student affairs (Statutes, Article XI, Section 1.a). In conjunction with the Chancellor, and with the assistance of the Office of the Dean of Students, the Conference shall have the following legislative functions:

1. Periodically review the conduct governance system and the rules governing student conduct that are published in the Student Code, hereafter called “rules,” and make general recommendations to the Chancellor and the Senate regarding revisions, requesting reports from members of the conduct governance system as needed;

2. Initiate and recommend in writing to the Chancellor adoption of additional rules it deems desirable;
3. Review and transmit in writing to the Chancellor its approval, disapproval, or modification of the Student Code initiated by interested parties of the campus; and
4. File with the Office of the Dean of Students and with the Clerk of the Senate a notice of such transmittals and recommendations including the text of the Student Code.

The Council is a committee of the Senate. Regarding policies governing student conduct expectations and accountability, the Council shall:

1. Periodically review, report, and make recommendations for changes to the conduct governance system, including policies, procedures, and practices that align with best practices;
2. Develop and recommend to the Chancellor policies on student affairs (Statutes, Article XI, Section 1.a);
3. Review proposed revisions to the policies and transmit to the Chancellor its approval, disapproval, or further proposed revisions;
4. Refer any policies on academic matters, including requirements for degrees and standards of academic performance, to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, except that the Council shall have jurisdiction over academic misconduct such as cheating, falsification, fabrication, plagiarism, or destruction of educational materials or resources;
5. Meet annually with the Senate Committee on Student Discipline to review the implementation of the policies; and
6. File notice of all proposed revisions to the policies with the Office of the Dean of Students and with the Clerk of the Senate.

b. Coordination of Duties with the Office of the Dean of Students

The Council shall request the assistance of the Office of the Dean of Students to coordinate the following duties:

1. Provide administrative support to the Council;
2. Notify the Council of any federal, state, or local mandates regarding student conduct expectations and accountability;

3. Serve as a repository for revisions to the policies governing student conduct expectations and accountability that may include reference to student policies outside the jurisdiction of the Council; and

4. Publish and disseminate the policies governing student conduct expectations and accountability (historically referenced as the Student Code) to the University community by August 1 of each year in a convenient form as determined by the Council.

b. Authority and Jurisdiction

1. Rules filed with the Office of the Dean of Students and with the Clerk of the Senate shall become effective thirty (30) days after filing unless contrary action has been taken by the Chancellor. The Senate may submit its recommendations to the Chancellor with respect to proposed rule changes. To this end, the thirty (30) day period may be extended by the Senate or Senate Executive Committee to ninety (90) days, excluding the period May 16 through August 15.

2. The jurisdiction of the Conference shall not extend to:
   (a) rules governing conduct arising within the duties and obligations imposed by the contract of employment and within the scope of the particular duties and responsibilities of the person employed;
   (b) rules adopted or imposed in the course of the purchase of goods or services; or
   (c) rules on purely academic matters, including requirements for degrees and standards of academic performance, except that the Conference shall have jurisdiction over academic irregularities such as cheating, plagiarism, falsification of records, or destruction of educational materials or resources.

c. Clerical Support

   The Office of the Dean of Students shall:
1. function as the staff agency for the Conference.

Two functions of the Office shall be:

2. Serve as a registry for rules adopted or approved by the Conference and accepted by the Chancellor; and

3. Publish annually (by August 1 of each year) in a convenient form all rules adopted by the Conference and accepted by the Chancellor that are applicable to the entire community, or to some subset thereof, and cause amendments to the rules as adopted to be published and disseminated to the University community.

All rules, both those adopted by particular University authorities and those adopted by the Conference on its own initiative, shall be promulgated by the Office of the Dean of Students by special publications, regularly issued newsletters or bulletins, and periodic codification. The Office shall maintain an up-to-date file of rules in force that may be consulted by any interested person. It shall serve as clerk to the Conference for recording and promulgating its actions, for keeping a record of its meetings, and for any other purpose the Conference determines.

The staff of the Office shall be under the supervision of one or more of the vice chancellors who will consult with the Chair of the Conference regarding staff functions and appointments.

d. c. Membership

The Conference Council shall consist of:

1. Six faculty members, of whom there shall be at least one from each professorial rank and of whom one shall be designated elected chair by the Senate;

2. Seven student members, of whom four shall be undergraduates two and three graduate or professional students, and one student of a professional college;

3. Four campus administrative officers chosen with due regard for appropriate areas of concern and in consultation with the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee;
4. One member of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, selected by that Committee (*ex officio*);

5. One member of the Council of Undergraduate Deans (*ex officio*), selected by that Council;

6. One designee of the Dean of the Graduate College (*ex officio*); and

7. The Dean of Students or the Dean’s designee (*ex officio*).