

Vote: Frohnmayer will support senate decision

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off campus, but it can affect students' lives on campus."

Mandi Hood, co-chairperson of the Student Conduct Code Committee, also said the revision punishes people who engage in sexual activity with others who are in "mental incapacitation," which includes being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

In addition, the revision includes a clear definition of "explicit consent," Freinkel said.

According to the revision, explicit consent is now defined as "voluntary, non-coerced and clear communication indicating a willingness to engage in a particular act. 'Explicit consent' includes an affirmative verbal response or voluntary acts unmistakable in their meaning."

"The way in which this language is clear, it helps us in our mission at the University to promote intellect and moral growth of students," Freinkel said.

Some senate members attempted to amend the definition of explicit consent, but it failed.

"We could talk about words forever," said University Senator Ben Unger. "This is a complete document. . . . We should take it as a whole."

Green agreed the revision is a positive change.

"It doesn't make all the problems

go away, but the language in this rule is much more clear," she said.

Hood said the revision has a long list of supporters, including the ASUO Student Senate, ASUO Women's Center, Interfraternity Council, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered Alliance, Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force, Greek Life and Women's Space.

"I feel confident that a variety of organizations support this," she said.

Student Senate President Kalpana Krishnamurthy said the ASUO Executive will embark on an education campaign about the revision.

"This is not where it ends, this is just the beginning," she said. "We are going to make sure that students understand how these changes affect their lives."

The senate also voted 25-5 to recommend the OAR, "Conflicts of Interest and Abuses of Power: Sexual or Romantic Relationships with Students."

The rule proposes that corrective measures be taken against faculty members who engage in sexual or romantic relationships with students in their class or students under their direct supervision or authority.

These measures can range from a letter of reprimand or a sanction. A sanction will lead to a contested case hearing, which may result in an unpaid leave of absence, a

leave of absence, suspension or termination of the faculty member if found guilty.

Before it passed, senate members debated for over an hour and attempted to amend it twice.

The first proposed amendment was to strike Section 5 of the rule, regarding student complaints brought against faculty members.

It states, "Complaints found to have been intentionally dishonest or made with willful disregard of the truth may subject the complainant to appropriate disciplinary proceedings and the full range of sanctions available therein."

Unger said if this section were to remain it would be counteractive after passing the conduct code revision.

"These types of cases would be illogical and ridiculous," he said.

University Senator Paul Simonds said the amendment would make the distribution of power more equal.

"The power of balance needs to be shifted away from the faculty, but not so far to students who wish to use it wrongly," he said.

But Krishnamurthy said it would completely take the power away from the students.

"To put [Section] 5 in there clearly disempowers the student," she said.

Ken Lehrman, director of the Office of Affirmative Action, who

drafted the rule with law Professor Caroline Forell, said the inclusion of Section 5 was made after people who saw the proposed rule made recommendations.

University Senator David Soper proposed to add a section to the rule concerning evidence and punishment of a faculty member.

The amendment recommended that faculty pay not decrease by more than five percent or that faculty suspension without pay not last for more than two months unless there is "clear and convincing" evidence.

"What seems to be a small feature of language can have a major effect on the rule," Soper said.

Senator Margaret Paris pointed out that the panel of people deciding these cases would be comprised fully of faculty members, so such an amendment is unnecessary.

"The faculty bodies will view accusations more with the thumb on the side of the faculty in this process," she said.

After both amendments failed, the faculty voted to pass the OAR in its original form.

The OAR will now be passed on to University President Dave Frohnmayer's office, who has the final say. Maureen Shine of the Office of Communications said Frohnmayer will agree with the senate's decision.

TODAY'S NEWS

BRIEFLY

Harvard professor will give lecture

"Intertemporal Institutions" is the title for the political science department's inaugural lecture of the William C. Mitchell Lecture Series. The lecture involves the process of how deals are cut between young and old and whether deals struck stay "stuck." The conflict among generations is a basis for the study of conflict beyond class and cultural differences.

Kenneth A. Shepsle, professor and chair of the department of government at Harvard University, will be delivering the lecture. Shepsle has written numerous books on political and economic themes from a rational "choice perspective," according to press releases. Shepsle's most recent book, "Analyzing Politics," is an introduction to rational choice and is directed to a nontechnical, general audience.

The lecture with a reception following will take place on May 15 at 3 p.m. in the Adelaide Church Memorial Reading Room in the Knight Library.

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