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Revision planned for code of conduct

Student Conduct Committee members say the changes to the code are not specifically aimed at preventing riots

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

For the first time in several decades, a University committee is planning comprehensive revisions to the Student Conduct Code, which lays out expectations and consequences of student behavior.

"We're revamping the whole code," Student Conduct Committee co-Chairman Jesse Harding said.

The code has been modified several times since its inception, Student Judicial Affairs Director Chris Loschiavo said, but it has never been completely overhauled.

"I'm not sure the entire code has been looked at since it was written in the '60s," Loschiavo said. "It no longer reflects best practices in judicial affairs."

The Student Conduct Committee, which has been in operation for a few years, is now completing work on the first sections of the code, which concern its mission statement and jurisdiction.

Harding said the new mission statement "has more of a community aspect. ... We just didn't feel like the old one went far enough."

The jurisdiction issue has been controversial. The riots that have plagued the West University neighborhood in recent years have prompted the city of Eugene to ask the University to expand its off-campus security efforts, which the University has been reluctant to do, Harding said.

Committee co-Chairman Bill Daley, an instructor at the Charles H. Lundquist College of Business, said the committee has not made any changes to the code specifically intended to prevent riots.

"We're trying to set jurisdiction so it

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SPEAKING OUT



Lauren Wimer Photographer

Wednesday night, Dr. Mary Robinson told a full EMU Ballroom that 54 countries have grown poorer since 1990.

LOCALIZING HUMAN RIGHTS

Former Ireland president Dr. Mary Robinson addressed human rights funding

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Dr. Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and former high commissioner of human rights for the United Nations, spoke Wednesday evening to a full EMU Ballroom.

The lecture was sponsored by the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, the Women's Law Forum and Human Rights for All. University law Professor Svitlana Kravchenko, who helped organize the event, met Robinson at a 2002 con-

ference in Geneva on human rights and the environment, where she invited Robinson to come to Oregon.

"(The lecture was) an absolutely wonderful opportunity for University of Oregon students to learn about human rights," said Laura Ramelli, president of the University Amnesty International chapter.

Robinson opened her lecture, entitled "Human Rights and Ethical Globalization," by defining human rights as the rights to safety, food, water,

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Con Court decision attracts criticism

The decision, which prevents ASUO from scheduling elections during the law school's Dead Week, has drawn controversy

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

The ASUO Constitution Court is facing criticism from the ASUO Elections Board for being inconsistent on the issue of acceptable dates for student government elections.

Last year the court dismissed a grievance filed against the Elections Board for scheduling dates that conflicted with the University School of Law's academic calendar. The court ruled that scheduling ASUO elections during the law school's Dead Week did not technically violate the ASUO Constitution and allowed the elections to be scheduled for that week.

But this year the court rejected the Election Board's plan to schedule elections during the same time as last year. Justices told the Elections Board on Tuesday that the proposed dates were unacceptable and the election would need to be rescheduled.

ASUO Elections Coordinator Stephanie Day is challenging the court's recent ruling, arguing that the court is being inconsistent with its decisions.

"It's really difficult to work with student leaders when their rulings aren't consistent," Day said.

Chief Justice J. Michael Harris refused to comment on this issue because the court is still deliberating on the proposed election dates.

But law student and ASUO Student Sen. Colin Andries said that, even though the Court ruled last year that scheduling elections during the law school's Dead Week doesn't technically violate the Constitution, the court did instruct the Elections Board not to do it again. He added that the ASUO Green Tape Notebook states that it is "tantamount to dereliction of

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University professor, same-sex partner will marry in Eugene

The same-sex couple will be among the first to marry in Lane County with a Multnomah County license

By Lisa Catto and Jared Paben
News Reporters

This weekend, University adjunct Professor Gretchen Miller and her partner, Sarah Hendrickson, will become one of Oregon's first same-sex couples to wed in Eugene, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon.

ACLU of Oregon Executive Director David Fidanque introduced Miller and Hendrickson at a news conference Thursday and presented the women with their marriage license, which the couple had obtained Wednesday in Multnomah County. Another same-sex couple from Eugene, Kent Kullby and Tim Smith, were presented with their marriage license as well.

Fidanque said that as long as a person licensed in the particular county is performing the ceremony, the entire state must recognize the marriage, even though the certificates are from

Multnomah County.

Miller, a former Eugene city councilor, has been a University professor of planning, public policy and management for 15 years, and she will teach Introduction to Public Law in the spring, PPPM Department Head Michael Hibbard said.

"(Miller is) one of Eugene's and Oregon's leading citizens," Hibbard said, adding that the department has employed her for a long time because they hold her in high regard. "As an instructor, she is incredibly conscientious. She takes her job as a teacher very seriously."

He believes that she is comfortable with her homosexuality, which makes people comfortable around her. Miller said she doesn't believe her marriage will affect her job or co-workers at the University.

Both couples plan to be married Saturday morning in Eugene. A third Eugene couple received its license as well, but due to scheduling conflicts the couple will be wed at a later date.

"We're just delighted to be able to offer to our family the same kind of protections and

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