Community Forum on Hate Speech and the Campus Code of Conduct
October 27, 2017
3:15 PM – 4:45 PM
Klarman Auditorium

Introduction and Structure for Today

Presentation
• Brief background
• The Committee and Working Group’s Charge and Timeline
• Existing Code provision about Harassment (for context)
• The structure of the working group
• How you may become involved

Questions from Presentation

Open Discussion
• Second forum upcoming
• Written comment period upcoming

Background

University Assembly (UA)
• Made-up of 20 students, faculty, and staff
• Five members from each constituency (Five Undergraduate, Five Graduate, Five Faculty, and Five Staff)
• Holds responsibility for “cross-cutting” issues on Campus

Codes & Judicial Committee (CJC)
• Made-up of 11 students, faculty, and staff.
• Three members from the University Assembly, two from each constituency
• Holds responsibility and care for the Campus Code of Conduct

The Committee and Working Group’s Charge

Codes & Judicial Committee
• Charged by the University Assembly to investigate Hate Speech’s relationship to the Campus Code of Conduct
• Is currently examining this issue and has created a Working Group to specifically investigate this area

CJC Hate Speech Working Group
• Charged by the CJC to engage the community and to draft specific language proposals for the CJC’s consideration
• Proposals may include: Completely new language, modification of an existing Code provision, a proposal of no action, etc.
• All meetings open to the public with the Working Group structured to specifically include community members

The Working Group’s Timeline

Existing Code provisions about Harassment

Cornell Campus Code of Conduct, Title Three, Article Two, § A, §§ d (Page 16 in the Code, page 21 in the Code’s electronic PDF)

• 1. It shall be a violation of this Title, as an offense against another person or the university:
  • d. To harass another person (1) by following that person or (2) by acting toward that person in a manner that is by objective measure threatening, abusive, or severely annoying and that is beyond the scope of free speech.
The Structure of the Working Group

- Four Members Appointed by the CJC (one from each constituency)
- One member appointed from each constituent Assembly (Student Assembly, Employee Assembly, etc.)
- Unlimited, open community membership

How you may become involved

- You can be as involved as much or as little as you would like
- All are welcome and invited to participate
- Participation can be as simple as attending this Forum to as involved as be attending every Working Group meeting, speaking on proposals, etc.

Logistics of becoming involved

Email list
- In the front there is a laptop, at the end if you would like to receive emails about the Working Group, please put down an email address.

Public Comments
- Will be opening electronically shortly. If you have comments now, we have a box at the front for you to leave them. You may also email me (mab622@cornell.edu) with them.

Questions?

Contact Information
- If you have questions, comments, or suggestions:
- Matthew Battaglia, Chair, Codes & Judicial Committee - Mab622@cornell.edu
- Current CJC appointees to the Working Group:

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