**Minutes of Codes and Judicial Committee Meeting of 11/03/2009**

Members in attendance: Anna Ferry, Kevin Clermont, Risa Lieberwitz, Gary Stewart, Ethan Warsh, Rachel Weil, John Cetta (non-voting, from UA), Mary Beth Grant (non-voting, JA)

Non-members in attendance: A. Brokman (from UA)

1. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Approved unanimously

1. **Set a regular meeting day/time**

G. Stewart resolved to contact the Office of Assemblies to work on scheduling a regular meeting day/time for the committee.

1. **Continuing discussion on if/how to address discrimination in the Campus Code of Conduct**

M.B. Grant promised to have research from peer schools at the committee’s next meeting. G. Stewart asked if peer schools have student, faculty, and staff coverage in their respective codes. M.B. Grant responded that she had not come across other schools with codes that share the Campus Code of Conduct’s unique multi-jurisdictional application. R. Weil expressed the need to exercise diligence in comparing various policies. K. Clermont asked if these other policies contained aspirational or punitive provisions. R. Lieberwitz noted that both ought to be part of the comparison.

A. Brokman expressed the desire to limit an anti-discrimination provision to the specific context of registered student organizations. A. Ferry questioned how this policy would affect informal groups or collections of individuals. J. Cetta noted that discrimination can only be perpetrated by groups—not individuals—so absent a punishable organization, individual students would not be accountable under such a provision.

R. Weil asked what the status of Greek organizations would be under such a policy of non-discrimination. M.B. Grant described the separate adjudicatory process for Greek organizations—IFC, Panhell, and MGLC—but noted that the Code’s applicability would nonetheless be an open question; also noting that, currently, institutions go through the other channels of adjudication while individual members may go through JA’s office.

A. Brokman expressed a desire to exempt Greek organizations. R. Weil expressed concern about allowing exceptions to a policy. M.B. Grant opined that it would be strange to create double standards.

G Stewart noted that staff and faculty groups are under the auspice of the Code as well, and that the committee ought to consider how such a policy would affect these groups.

R. Lieberwitz posited that, perhaps, the issue is so difficult for the committee to resolve because it doesn’t belong in the Code, which addresses such things as assault and theft, and that other mechanisms ought to address discrimination. K. Clermont further noted that discrimination is not self-defining, any provision in the Code would need to define what “discrimination” is.

R. Lieberwitz suggested that the inquiry is two-pronged: (1) Should discrimination be addressed in the code or elsewhere? (2) If in the Code, how?

A. Ferry suggested that the committee recommend an anti-discrimination policy to the SA/SAFC that would pertain to registered student organizations. R. Weil echoed the need to make a strong recommendation to the SA or other policy making body. A. Brokman implored that the committee actually draft and recommend such a provision, without merely ‘passing the buck’ to another body.

1. **Proposed Code changes from the Judicial Administrator**

M.B. Grant introduced various proposed changes to the Code from the Judicial Administrator’s office. M.B. Grant claimed that these changes would address things that have created problems or disagreement in the JA’s office, or would better serve the needs of the campus community.

1. **Other items**

M.B. Grant asked if candidates for vacant hearing board seats could be interviewed at the next meeting of the committee.

1. **Adjournment**