

From: Brian F Chabot

Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 10:27:53 -0400

To: Jim Blair

Subject: Re: [ua-exec] NOTICE OF UA RESOLUTION & REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

Dear Jim,

Your request for input arrived after the deadline for response and the situation surrounding the resolution is quite complicated. I will provide some reaction based on my past involvement with CJC and as chair of the Hearing Board.

My understanding of the documents you provided is that the UA would like more guidance on what changes are required, but has come to its own conclusions about what changes to make or not make. I didn't find anything from CJC as to how they responded to the April 22 group report.

I feel that UA Resolution is defective. Some of the "whereas's" involve substantial policy issues. Have these already been debated and agreed to? The whereas's don't really explain or justify the resolution statements (at least to me). Why should the interim changes be repealed? Why transfer sexually-based cases to title 6.4, especially in view of the conditions? Option 1 needs to be worded better. I think what is being said is that no further changes will be made until or unless the president determines that such changes are required.

I would recommend having the Campus Code of Conduct continue to deal with sexually-based offenses (Option 1). It is a well-established process that works well enough. I don't see Policy 6.4 as an improvement. I don't think we are well served by multiple rules of behavior and adjudicatory processes. The OCR raises a number of important issues that need a direct response..

Brian

On Mar 9, 2012, at 12:58 PM, Jim Blair wrote:
Prof Chabot,

RE: University Assembly (UA) Resolution R.7

As you may be aware, on March 13, the UA will be taking up a Resolution trying to resolve the apparent conflicts between the Dept of Education's Dear Colleague Letter on Title IX and Cornell's Campus Code of Conduct for students.

During our coordination process, your name came up as someone who might have an opinion that would be valuable for the UA to hear.

I have attached our original coordination request so that you can see the details.

While I don't expect you could turn anything around today, if you have a strong opinion on the issue, I'd be glad to ensure it gets to the UA members. I also extend an invitation to attend our next meeting on March 13 at 4:30 in 316 Day Hall.

Best,
-Jim

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