



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

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The Student Senate
67th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: David Sonka, Academic Affairs Chair
Rebecca Yung, Off Campus Residences

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

Hannah Weger '15

Hannah Weger
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Kyle Kelly '14

Kyle Kelly
Student Body President

Student Conduct Hearing Update Bill

A bill to expand the rights of students in conduct proceedings.

Whereas(1): Students accused of violating a student rule are allowed to have advisors assist and represent them at Student Conduct proceedings; and,

Whereas(2): Survivors of alleged sexual assault are also allowed advisors; and,

Whereas(3): Advisors to students currently cannot be attorneys unless there is a pending criminal case related to the student rule allegedly broken; and,

Whereas(4): Students are allowed to have attorneys represent them at other types of hearings, such as Grade Appeals; and,

Whereas(5): Limiting students' ability to be represented by an attorney diminishes the rights of students involved in Student Conduct hearings; and,

Whereas(6): Such hearings can result in serious outcomes such as loss of scholarships or expulsion.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That Student Rule 26.1.5.1."The advisor may not be an attorney unless the accused student is also the subject of a pending subsequent criminal matter arising out of the same circumstances; in such cases, the accused student may be allowed to have an attorney serve as his/her advisor, at his/her own



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expense, to behave in the same manner as any other advisor," be amended, to "The accused student is allowed to have an attorney serve as his/her advisor, at his/her own expense, to behave in the same manner as any other advisor;" and,

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(2): That Student Rule 26.2.3 "The survivor has the right to be assisted by an advisor s/he chooses, at his/her own expense. The advisor may not be an attorney unless the situation is also the subject of a pending subsequent criminal matter arising out of the same circumstances; in such cases, the survivor may be allowed to have an attorney serve as his/her advisor, at his/her own expense, to behave in the same manner as any other advisor," be amended to "The survivor is allowed to have an attorney serve as his/her advisor, at his/her own expense, to behave in the same manner as any other advisor," and;

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(3): That Texas A&M University not create any new restriction on the ability of students to secure proper legal counsel and representation; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(4): A copy of this document shall be sent to:
Mrs. Dayna Ford, Program Coordinator
Mr. L.J. Moore, Associate Coordinator
Mr. Justin Ellis, Assistant Coordinator
Mr. Tom Reber, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life