

Student Government Committee 9/22/2024

Mateo: I want to provide information regarding a formal complaint about the ethics and compliance officer's conduct

Emerson: I requested this member attend tonight's meeting and he rejected the offer. I am concerned about the actions of this officer and the unequal application of their personal policies. I wonder if we could hold a testimony on Tuesday before the councilor departs as to have some accountability.

Teaghan: If the councilor is already leaving, what would be the point/goal of an investigation?

Emerson: I think that an investigation could provide feedback on how the role of an ethics and compliance counselor could be better outlined to prevent further situations like the current.

Matteo: I think what Emerson described is a good goal for the investigation.

Addison: I have concerns that Counselor Carmichael may not respond to the summons but I do think that it is important to work to re-define the ethics and compliance counselor role.

Emerson: Should we subpoena Counselor Carmichael for next week and cordially request the presence of the whole JC? I don't know quite how it works with someone who is leaving, there is already someone on the JC who is e-campus only.

Teaghan: I did not think E-campus students were allowed to be on JC.

Addison: I think that having the whole JC might take the focus away from the investigation and cause Counselor Carmichael to feel put on the spot and defensive.

Emerson: I agree

Teaghan: What exactly do we need counselor to clarify? I have concerns that it will just turn into an argument with no new information.

Emerson: I think it is important to give the counselor a chance to defend themselves which is something I was not given the opportunity to do. I think it would give further legislation about the JC better grounds to stand on.

Vote on whether we should subpoena the Ethics and Compliance Officer to a special meeting Tuesday at 6:30 pm:

Sen. Knox -abstain

Sen. Hoflter-Mclaughlin-aye

Sen. Rowe- aye

Sen. Pearson -aye

Dylan Perfect-abstain

Motion Passes

Emerson: The JC has recently held meetings in private that overturned 3+ recent veto overrides that are in violation of public meeting law.

Addison: This was discussed at length in last senate meeting.

Teaghan: Is the point of this discussion that because of the violation of public meeting law illegal meetings should not have opinions that stand to effect.

Emerson: Yes, in an ideal world but the Oregon compliance investigation is still ongoing so for now I would like to see some accountability from the JC in terms of impartiality and not legislating from the bench.

Addison: Do we want to schedule the meeting with the whole JC about concerns?

Teaghan: I am happy to write the email if there is a time that can be agreed upon.

Dylan: Reviewing Eliza's provision that "During each fee-setting cycle, before signature and contract renewals, all contracts using student fee funding for student services, excluding those related to supplies and personnel funding, shall be presented to the Senate for review." I think it is good but needs some enforcement legislation such as a supermajority.

Emerson: On SB 84.03 its veto has now been overridden so that is unfortunate.

Dylan: I have a further meeting scheduled but see no reason why it can not be reinstated.

Emerson: I agree

Emerson: As far as the code of conduct goes the scope section seems fine. I think that elected officials should not be included as any behavior large enough to warrant action is covered by other investigations and for minor violations it is hard to implicit and could be weponized.

Emerson: I think we should remove the part about OSU code of conduct and OAR as they are not relevant to ASOSU jurisdiction.

We will come back to section 2 of the Responsibilities section. Some confusion about if we are mandatory reporters.

For the expectations section politeness is hard to define so honest and cordial might be better. We all like the addition of an “official capacity” as people can have individual opinions outside of ASOU jobs.

Member comments

Emerson: Please fill out the when to meet!