

**Resolution 97-11. Amending the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance**

The Faculty Council resolves:

1 Section 1. Section I.A.2. of the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance is  
2 rewritten to read:

3 “Jurisdiction under the Code of Student Conduct may be exercised at any time  
4 between a student’s initial enrollment and the granting of his degree or other termination  
5 of enrollment. In matters involving violation of the Campus Code, jurisdiction extends to  
6 all offenses that occur during the time the student is enrolled in a semester, summer  
7 session or special course of study. For purposes of this provision, “enrolled” includes  
8 being registered or otherwise known to be a returning student between semesters, and  
9 also includes participation in official university activities such as orientation programs. In  
10 all matters involving violation of the Honor Code, jurisdiction extends to all offenses  
11 occurring at any time between the student’s initial enrollment and the awarding of his  
12 degree, and to all offenses occurring incidental to a student’s application for admission or  
13 financial aid and other matters related to his admission to the university.”

14 Sec. 2. The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance is amended by adding a new  
15 section I.D.1.g. as follows and renumbering accordingly:

16 “g. Removing, tampering with, or otherwise making less effective, equipment  
17 (including but not limited to, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and  
18 emergency call boxes), intended for use in improving or protecting the safety  
19 of members of the University community, either on campus or on the  
20 premises of a student organization, whether or not officially recognized by  
21 the University.”

22 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

**Comment:**

These proposed amendments were passed unanimously by the Committee on Student Conduct on March 20, 1997.

The Code of Student Conduct at UNC-CH is derived from both the Honor Code (prohibiting lying, cheating, and stealing) and the Campus Code (prohibiting conduct that significantly impairs the welfare or educational opportunities of others). Section 1 brings the definition of "enrollment" for purposes of Campus Code violations more in line with the needs of the University community. The change makes it clear that students are responsible for any Code of Student Conduct violations during the time periods between semesters, e.g., the day before class begins. It also clarifies that a person is considered to be "enrolled" when participating in official university activities as a student. This will prevent the inequity that results, for example, when the same violation is committed by a student attending C-TOPS and a student in his or her fourth day of classes. Presently, we lack jurisdiction to hold the C-TOPS student accountable to the same standards.

Section 1 does *not* create any new Code of Student Conduct violations, and does not expand the geographical boundaries of jurisdiction for any presently existing Code of Student Conduct violation. It simply recognizes that student status for the purposes of Campus Code violations need not always be restricted to days on which classes are in session. It also does not *require* action by the University in any situation.

Section 2 resulted from safety recommendations of the Chancellor's Committee on Greek Affairs. The Committee felt that it was appropriate to include on-campus activity in this provision, even though on-campus activity already would be covered by other, more general provisions regarding damage and misuse of University property. From a community education perspective, it will make it easier for Resident Assistants and Greek Advisers to encourage students that safety equipment should never be taken from granted or used in the context of a prank, because they will know that there could be serious consequences for such action.