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**Community Forum on Hate Speech and the Campus Code of Conduct**

October 27, 2017  
3:15 PM – 4:45 PM  
Klarman Auditorium



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## Introduction and Structure for Today


### Presentation

- Brief background
- The Committee and Working Group's Charge and Timeline
- Existing Code provision about Harassment (for context)
- The structure of the working group
- How you may become involved

### Questions from Presentation

### Open Discussion

- Second forum upcoming
- Written comment period upcoming



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## Background

### University Assembly (UA)

- Made-up of 20 students, faculty, and staff
- Five members from each constituency (Five Undergraduate, Five Graduate, Five Faculty, and Five Staff)
- Holds responsibility for “cross-cutting” issues on Campus

### Codes & Judicial Committee (CJC)

- Made-up of 11 students, faculty, and staff.
- Three members from the University Assembly, two from each constituency
- Holds responsibility and care for the Campus Code of Conduct



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## The Committee and Working Group's Charge

### Codes & Judicial Committee

- Charged by the University Assembly to investigate Hate Speech's relationship to the Campus Code of Conduct
- Is currently examining this issue and has created a Working Group to specifically investigate this area

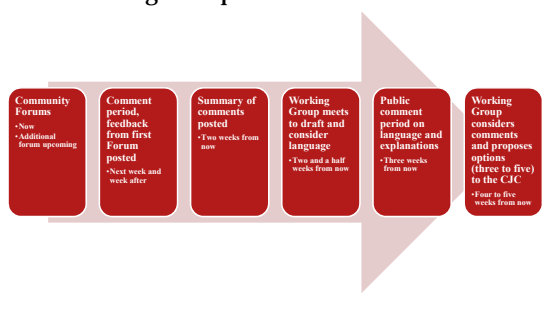
### CJC Hate Speech Working Group

- Charged by the CJC to engage the community and to draft specific language proposals for the CJC's consideration
- Proposals may include: Completely new language, modification of an existing Code provision, a proposal of no action, etc.
- All meetings open to the public with the Working Group structured to specifically include community members




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## The Working Group's Timeline



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    A[Community Forums  
• Now  
• Additional forum upcoming] --> B[Comment period, feedback from first Forum posted  
• Next week and week after]
    B --> C[Summary of comments posted  
• Two weeks from now]
    C --> D[Working Group meets to draft and consider language  
• Two and a half weeks from now]
    D --> E[Public comment period on language and explanations  
• Three weeks from now]
    E --> F[Working Group considers comments and proposes options (three to five) to the CJC  
• Four to five weeks from now]
  
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## Existing Code provisions about Harassment


Cornell Campus Code of Conduct, Title Three, Article Two, § A, §§ d (Page 16 in the Code, page 21 in the Code's electronic PDF)

- 1. It shall be a violation of this Title, as an offense against another person or the university:
- d. To harass another person (1) by following that person or (2) by acting toward that person in a manner that is by objective measure threatening, abusive, or severely annoying and that is beyond the scope of free speech.

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### The Structure of the Working Group

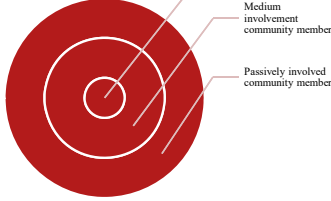
-  **Four Members Appointed by the CJC** (one from each constituency)
-  **One member appointed from each constituent Assembly** (Student Assembly, Employee Assembly, etc.)
-  **Unlimited, open community membership**

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### How you may become involved

**The Working Group is structured like a set of rings**

- You can be as involved as much or as little as you would like
- All are welcome and invited to participate
- Participation can be as simple as attending this Forum to as involved as attending every Working Group meeting, speaking on proposals, etc.



CJC Appointees, Assembly Appointees, Highly involved community members  
Medium involvement community members  
Passively involved community members

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### Logistics of becoming involved

#### Email list

- In the front there is a laptop, at the end if you would like to receive emails about the Working Group, please put down an email address.

#### Public Comments

- Will be opening electronically shortly. If you have comments now, we have a box at the front for you to leave them. You may also email me ([mab622@cornell.edu](mailto:mab622@cornell.edu)) with them.


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### Contact Information

- If you have questions, comments, or suggestions:
- Matthew Battaglia, Chair, Codes & Judicial Committee – [Mab622@cornell.edu](mailto:Mab622@cornell.edu)
- Current CJC appointees to the Working Group:

<u>Undergraduate</u> – Conor Hodges (ch732)	<u>Faculty</u> – Risa Lieberwitz (rl15)
<u>Employee</u> – Not yet filled	<u>Graduate/Professional</u> – Nate Stetson (nms96)



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### Questions?

