

Golden Rule Review Committee
2/4/2015

10:34: Meeting Called to Order

Roll call: Everyone present
Quorum reached

Chair announcements: No submissions on the website. Bring changes next week if you have them.

Jorge: I have a meeting with Betz about medical amnesty next week

Jad (Non-committee member): President of Sigma Chi, which had some members who hazed a pledge last semester. I don't believe that Sigma Chi was responsible for what occurred to student because they acted alone. I think the principles of group responsibility should be revised. After reviewing it with other fraternity presidents I will come up with a draft. Then I will make a public records request with Gilmer about past incidences where the principles of group responsibility have been applied and apply it in those situations and see how it works out and if its just.

Lauren: What's the main issue?

Jad: The principle was good but it's the way that it can be interpreted. The panel's analysis is a little robotic and seems to lack thought.

Rodolfo: I think what the highlighted part is supposed to mean is that a certain percentage is not required but instead it has been taken to mean that one person is enough.

Jad: I've also been considering an addition of a reasonable effort clause that rewards reasonable action of an organization, such as risk prevention seminars and clear progress. The panel should take this into consideration.

Jacob: Maybe having it so that if one person does something wrong then they go through the process as individual first?

Jad: I think it would empower organizations. Currently an investigation puts them through a lot and you're unsure if after the meeting your organization is going to be standing. This puts a lot of pressure on members to report incidents. Instead leaders of organizations should be empowered to report these incidents and be comfortable saying that there is an issue and passing on the information knowing that the school won't come down on the entire organization.

Lauren: We could narrow it down to only make it current active members.

Rodolfo: Or possible include a percentage.

Jacob: Greek life leaders will get back to Jad and he will come to our next meeting to talk about what they discussed.

Lauren: Also the section reasonable action should be written out.

Final roll call: Same as initial.

11:01: Meeting adjourned

Next meeting on February 18, 2016.