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Shootings spur drop policy

Proposal aims to allow faculty to drop any student who is documented to be threatening

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If a student is considered threatening or harmful, faculty and staff could document the student's behavior and faculty member could drop the student from class if a proposal discussed yesterday by faculty leaders is adopted.

If the proposal goes through, a box would be added on administrative drop forms that would note a faculty member is dropping a student from the class "with prejudice."

The proposal aims to ensure the safety of students, staff and faculty on campus — a concern that has been central to faculty and

staff since October's College of Nursing shootings that left three professors dead.

Faculty and staff came together after the murders at the nursing college to write the proposal, assistant humanities professor and undergraduate council chair Jennifer Jenkins said at yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"The concern is that there is no centralized tracking system for incidents that might be escalating," she said.

Robert S. Flores Jr., the student responsible for the shootings, was identified as "clearly on the edge" by a UA adviser seven years before the crimes, records show.

"Faculty feels that their experience with disruptive students has not been sanctioned enough," said Donald Davis, professor of hydrology and water resources.

Under the plan, faculty and staff would not only document the incident on the drop form, they would also file a Code of Conduct Complaint Form that would assist in track-

ing the students who are alleged to be disruptive.

Student body president, Doug Hartz, raised concern is that there be a due process mechanism that ensures faculty members cannot get rid of students with accusations, he said.

However, Jenkins said that there will be due process safeguards.

"If the student went to the hearings court and the hearings court found there is no case, then the process would be reversed," she said.

The office of the dean of students will continue to review accusations against students, said Veda Kowalski, associate dean of students.

However, students can be dropped from their class while a review is underway, Davis said.

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DAVID HARDEN/Arizona Daily Wildcat
President Pete Likins listens as Provost George Davis speaks at yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting. Senators discussed a plan to allow faculty and staff to document disruptive students.



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Business management senior Samantha Zipp (center) and marketing seniors John Drachman and Marissa Weckerly study plans for their future business, "SLC Consulting." The Berger Entrepreneurship program helps students develop ideas to start their own businesses.

Program steers biz whizzes to launch own enterprises

BY BRITTANY MANSON
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Though the election season stump speeches of many politicians focused on making the UA a stronger engine in Arizona's economy and founding new businesses, students are graduating with the skills to start their own business right out of college.

An entrepreneurship program run out of the Eller College of Business and Public Administration for nearly two decades has graduated students who have started 100 companies, said Joann Rockwell, program director for the Berger

Entrepreneurship program.

After graduating in May, Samantha Zipp, a senior with majors in psychology, business and the entrepreneurship program, together with two of her classmates, plans to turn classroom blueprints into reality by starting a company that will help incoming freshmen make the transition to college life.

As part of the program, students will write a complete business plan with help from their professors, who are local entrepreneurs.

More than 150 students per year apply to the Berger Entrepreneurship

program. This year, 95 were accepted, said Sherry Hoskinson, associate director for the Karl Eller Center, which runs the entrepreneurship program.

The program is a joint-major, meaning a student must declare another major in addition to the program.

"They don't hold your hand," Zipp said. "It's all up to you, if you put in 150 percent, you will get out 150 percent."

Another entrepreneurship student turned his course project into a plan

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Sweatshop activists are losing steam

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The group that locked down the Administration building two years ago and held regular protests on the UA Mall to call attention to workers' rights has been quieted by a loss of members, a scattered agenda and fewer planning meetings.

Students Against Sweatshops conducts more business online, does not hold regular meetings and has lost members who have graduated, said SAS member Rachel Wilson.

The highly-visible student group became well known in recent years for protesting around campus in the hopes of persuading administrators to sever the university's ties with factories the group says are sweatshops.

SAS currently has about 10 active members and is meeting irregularly, Wilson said.

That's down from 30 active members two years ago, said Wilson, who recently earned her doctoral degree and is now a researcher on campus.

Last year, when SAS was aggressively protesting UA's membership in the Fair Labor Association, the group also had roughly 10 active members, said classics masters student and SAS member Mark Rivera.

The group does not have a president or treasurer and is not recognized by student government as a club, because they did not apply for recognition.

Protests and research used to be planned during Thursday meetings, but now research and comments are made online.

"Membership is a little bit low right now, but one reason for that is that we don't have regular meetings," Wilson said.

The club has met sporadically this year. The group has also suffered because too many issues were being protested at once, leaving SAS's agenda scattered and not as effective, Wilson said.

The group would get notice of workers rights violations, one after another, and sometimes there was too much to protest, she said.

Internal strife may also have contributed to the club's low profile this semester.

Female members of SAS went on strike in April to protest being given a disproportionate amount of the club's work, Rivera said.

"We've been working to deal with those issues this semester," he said.

Though SAS didn't accomplish its primary goal on campus — getting UA to leave the Fair Labor Association worker's rights monitoring group for the Workers' Rights Consortium — members of the

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