PROPOSED AS&E BYLAW REVISION
CREATION OF NEW COMMITTEE

Committee on Student Conduct
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Proposed Bylaw - Article IV, section 1 (o)
A Committee on Student Conduct, comprising seven or more faculty members, up to two undergraduate representatives, up to two graduate student representatives, and up to two staff members. The Dean of Student Affairs or designee, and the Director of Community Standards shall be an ex-officio member without vote. Student members shall be selected by the Director of Community Standards based upon applications received by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. The committee shall be chaired by a faculty member. This committee shall have responsibility for hearing cases of alleged or accepted violations of the Code of Student Conduct. All hearing and sanctioning panels shall: (i) be formed from the membership of this committee; (ii) be a majority faculty; and (iii) be consistent with current policy within the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. All alleged violations of the University’s policies on non-discrimination and sexual misconduct shall be processed according to procedures established by Tufts Office of Equal Opportunity. The committee shall meet regularly, irrespective of its hearing schedule, to maintain training related to the resolution student conduct cases. The committee shall present for public scrutiny, in the University Archives, a written annual summary of its activity, with modifications to preserve anonymity for participants in disciplinary decisions.

Justification
The student judicial process was revised for the 2018-2019 academic year and is now referred to as the student conduct resolution procedure. The new process specifies that hearing panels should comprise faculty, students, and staff. The old process involved a case taking one of several paths depending on the whether an individual or group committed the infraction, and the severity of the infraction. The new process improves clarity for the Tufts community by having one group from which hearing panels are assembled. Establishing this group permits the students, faculty, and staff to receive regular training related to hearing conduct cases. Establishing the committee within the AS&E bylaws demonstrates the faculty’s commitment to maintaining community standards as set forth in Section 7.3 of the Trustee bylaws. See also the figures provided related to the Student Conduct Resolution Process (SCRP).