DATE: May 6, 2016
TO: Nancy Thompson, Dean of Students
FROM: 2016 Points Committee
RE: Point Recommendations

Over the past three months, the committee has met to discuss whether modifications need to be applied to the current point system. We have gotten feedback from the college community in a range of manners. We met with Student Assembly, spoke with friends and different constituencies on campus such as Director of Campus Safety Fran Manfredo, RA’s, student athletes, and Greek society members, and conducted a survey that garnered 532 student, 40 faculty, and 69 staff responses. Our recommendations were made with much thought and discussion and based on the data we collected.

We also recommend that a similar committee be formed to look at the judicial process. Most of the comments we received, formally and informally, concerned the process itself, not the point system. The committee as well had some initial confusion in keeping the two straight.

Our recommendations are divided into two sections below: educational recommendations for the fall, and those affecting the point system itself.

Educational Recommendations:

- We recommend that a town hall meeting be held in fall 2016, perhaps during week two or three of the semester, to address misconceptions and questions that were raised in the survey.
- We recommend that the Judicial Board or Jeff Landry write a weekly column for the Spectator, answering questions posed in the survey.
- We recommend the design of a new poster, perhaps incorporating QR codes linking to the Dean of Students’ web page.
- We also recommend the design of a new website for the point system that would have pop outs or extra links to further explain the system.
- More education is needed to explain that violations that occur off campus can still incur points, and to further clarify what “off campus” means.
- Use table tents to explain how streaking in front of children will incur up to six points.

Point System Recommendations:

- Note that this is not an exhaustive list of behaviors that may incur points.
- Note that sexual assault and harassment is handled by the HSMB and may also involve points.
- Note that second violations of the same type may incur an additional point.
- Recommended changes to specific violations are listed below:

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<td>• Reduce to 1 point</td>
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<td>Failure to comply with a college official</td>
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<td>• Add “including campus safety officers”</td>
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<td>Serving alcohol to minors</td>
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<td>• Add “purposefully” or “intentionally” and reduce to 1-3 points</td>
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Streaking 2-6
  • Reduce to 2 points but add “Streaking in front of Non-Hamilton Community members or children – 6 points”

Weapons policy violation 3-10
  • Specify “weapons except for blades under 3.5 inches” and increase to 6-10 points.

Marijuana use and/or possession 3-6
  • Reduce to 2 points

Intentional or reckless destruction of college or private property 4-10
  • Our survey results indicated mixed feelings about this range. We would like to know what the Dean of Students thinks about the current range.

Discharge of fire extinguisher 6-8
  • Add “in the absence of a fire” or completely remove. Please confer with Brian Hansen on this violation.

Hazing 6-10
  • Add statement to the effect of “hazing can result in sanctions on the organization, expulsions, suspensions, and/or points to the heads of the organization.”

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee, and we hope our work moves the point system forward. If you have any questions about our recommendations, please direct them to Andrew Jillings or Kristin Strohmeyer, and we will do our best to answer them before the end of the semester.

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