

## Proposed Edits to Senate Motion 2014-75

### Official and current version of [Senate Motion 2014-75](#)

#### Existing Title

Title of Motion/Resolution: Resolution on the Meaning of “Consensual” in Relationships Between Members of the Academic Assembly and Students

#### Proposed Revised Title

Title of Motion/Resolution: Resolution on the Meaning of “Consensual” in Relationships between Members of the **Faculty/Staff**, and Students

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1. That the University Senate of Arizona State University, representing all faculty members and academic professionals, supports an interpretation of “consensual” that gives due consideration to the power imbalance between the faculty member and student.

Because ~~undergraduate~~ students are the most vulnerable, we the University Senate support an interpretation of the word “consensual” for the purposes of ACD 402 in which there is a presumption that an intimate relationship between a faculty member and ~~an undergraduate~~ student is **not** consensual, and that such a relationship constitutes a violation of the “Code of Ethics” (ACD 204-01) and the “Standards of Professional Conduct for Faculty Members and Academic Professionals,” (ACD 204-02). This presumption is rebuttable on a case-by-case basis, ~~such as when the relationship between the faculty member and student commenced prior to the student’s enrollment, or where the student is enrolled in a completely different college than the faculty member, or where the faculty member played no role in the student’s admission.~~

~~With respect to graduate students, the University Senate recognizes that the power imbalance is different. The University Senate resolves that these relationships should continue to be managed and evaluated carefully on a case-by-case basis pursuant to ACD 402, Amorous Relationships.~~

2. That by adoption of this resolution the University Senate indicates its intent to amend ACD 402 to embody this understanding.

#### Proposed Revisions-Clean Therefore, be it RESOLVED

1. That the University Senate of Arizona State University, representing all faculty members and academic professionals, supports an interpretation of “consensual” that gives due consideration to the power imbalance between the faculty member and student.

Because students are the most vulnerable, we the University Senate support an interpretation of the word “consensual” for the purposes of ACD 402 in which there is a presumption that an intimate relationship between a faculty member and a student is **not** consensual, and that such a relationship constitutes a violation of the “Code of Ethics” (ACD 204-01) and the “Standards of Professional Conduct for Faculty Members and Academic Professionals,” (ACD 204-02). This presumption is rebuttable on a case-by-case basis.

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