

UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
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REMOVAL OF THE
“PRINCIPLES FOR A JUST COMMUNITY”
STATEMENT FROM UNIVERSITY DOCUMENTS

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. The “Principles for a Just Community” statement be removed from all University documentation including:
 - a. Undergraduate Bulletin
 - b. Graduate Bulletin
 - c. University at Albany Handbook
 - d. Program, Department and Division Student Handbooks
 - e. The Responsible Use of Information Technology
2. That the Bill be forwarded to the President for approval and implementation.

BACKGROUND:

The “Principles of a Just Community” statement was first approved by the Senate in 89-90. A revision was last made in 00-01. The “Principles for a Just Community” has recently been voluntarily removed from the “Community Rights and Responsibilities” but still appears in various university documents including the *Undergraduate Bulletin*.

The University remains committed to the maintenance of a just community however the language of the “Principles for a Just Community” is dated. The text was removed from the “Community Rights and Responsibilities” following discussions with CAFFECOR. CAFFECOR is concerned that these passages are more likely to engender confusion than clarity and recommends that the “Principles for a Just Community” statement be removed from all University documents.

The members of CAFFECOR would like to stress that the committee stands strongly behind the importance of justice on this campus and within our community. This action is an attempt to avoid confusion and to clarify campus policy for the entire community.