

STUDENT CODE

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extensive, said former student body president candidate Matt Liles...

Congress, not the BOE, Anderson said.

The revised code will address that issue by being rewritten based on the N.C. Open Meetings Law.

But Anderson said the BOE probably would still not fall under the definition of a public body.

Elyse Ashburn, editor of The Daily Tar Heel, said that because of a 1996 agreement reached between the UNC-system Office...

"If Student Congress and student government want the Student Code to mirror the N.C. laws, the Board of Elections would clearly be a public body," Ashburn said.

She said that several lawyers have indicated that state election boards are some of the most open bodies in state government...

But Slain said opening the investigation would have affected its integrity.

"Keeping the investigation closed until deliberation was necessary to ensure the integrity of the process," he said.

Congress officials said the BOE wanted to assess the validity of the charges brought against the candidates before making them public...

"All information needs to be disclosed to students," Orr said.

"But that information should be given at the right time and the right place."

Ashburn said the investigation could have fallen under reasons to close a meeting.

"Certainly the BOE should have the right to close a meeting," she said.

"But I don't think they should have a blanket ticket to close a meeting for whatever reason."

"They should be held accountable and have a good reason indicating why they close a meeting."

All content changes to the code must be approved by the Rules and Judiciary Committee of Student Congress.

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JONATHAN SLAIN, FORMER STUDENT ATTORNEY GENERAL

and Judiciary Committee of Student Congress.

Committee Chairman Luke Farley said the committee will enlist student involvement by holding public hearings regarding prospective changes to the code.

Farley said he wants to foster a more welcoming atmosphere for students that always existed but hasn't necessarily been taken advantage of.

"The emphasis hasn't been on student input, and that's what I'm interested in changing," he said.

Once legislation is approved, both student government and University students will benefit from the up-to-date document, said Jordan Mendenhall, chairman of the Student Affairs Committee.

"We'll have a code that's consistent, contemporary and concise."

Contact the University Editor at udesk.unc.edu.

Pieces of fuel rod go missing in Vt.

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MONTPELIER, Vt. — Two pieces of a highly radioactive fuel rod are missing from a Vermont nuclear plant...

The fuel rod was removed in 1979 from the Vermont Yankee reactor, which has been shut down for refueling and maintenance.

"We do not think there is a threat to the public at this point. The great probability is: This material is still somewhere in the pool," said Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Neil Sheehan.

But Sheehan said it is possible that the spent fuel was mixed in with a shipment of low-level nuclear waste and ended up at a repository in South Carolina or a facility in Washington state.

He said it also was possible that it was taken to a nuclear testing facility run by General Electric, which designed the plant.

The material would be fatal to anyone who came in contact with it without being shielded properly, Sheehan said.

Spent nuclear fuel also could be used by terrorists to construct so-called "dirty bombs" that would spread deadly radiation with conventional explosives.

The rod was part of the fuel assembly used to power the reactor. One of the missing pieces is about the size of a pencil. The other piece is about the thickness of a pencil and 17 inches long.

"It would be very difficult to remove this material from the site without somebody knowing about it," Sheehan said.

Sheehan cited the heightened awareness of the need to control nuclear material that followed the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

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