Dean of Students Ted Kirkpatrick and OCS Interim Director Charlie Putnam were invited to speak about forthcoming updates to the Student Code of Conduct Process (overseen by the Office of Community Standards). They were mainly responding to 1) complaints or concerns about the way the new rules/standards were to be read, interpreted, and enforced; 2) concerns about Title IX and how/when it applies to students.

- Updated Student Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities (SRR&R) will be available by the spring and will include updated information regarding code of conduct and Title IX violations. The Student Life office is working to revamp the code to reflect the Title IX reporting guidelines, but also to expedite the hearing process. This is being done largely to minimize the burden on students who are often caught up for weeks or months in a series of hearings. The Student Life office is seeking to expedite the process and increase transparency.
- It appears that most of this conversation and proposed changes are geared toward undergrad students, although the code certainly applies to graduate students.

--> Are graduate students made fully aware of their rights and responsibilities upon entering UNH? Dean Kirkpatrick said that ALL faculty, staff and students are considered mandated reporters. We should look into how students are educated about their SRR&R especially those who are not on RA or TA and do not receive comprehensive orientation or training.

Otherwise, the USS also voted on a resolution concerning the organization status of governance bodies. Senate Bill XXXVII - 58 passed and stated that all governance bodies (Grad Student Senate included) “shall not be required to be recognized student organizations.”

--> Does not require that all governance bodies follow suit and remove org status. This is meant to provide an opportunity for governance bodies and to allow for subsequent administrative changes.

Senate Bill XXXVII - 59: Constitutional Amendment passed: this essentially removes the student organization status of USS by adding, " In order to properly provide governance on behalf of students, the Student Senate shall not seek recognition as a student organization."
GSS should consider discussing this option to remove our student organization status.