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**Revamping the Ethics Council &
Impeachment Process**

On Friday, March 21st, the Judicial Council officially amended its bylaws to change the Ethics Council process. Under the new system, the alleged party will now be provided with a short description of the nature of the allegation against them, to the extent that confidentiality can be protected. Additionally, they will be provided with a Peer Advocate, who will sit with them in the waiting room, answer any questions they may have, and help them mount a defense. The alleged party will also be able to call a 10-minute recess of the Ethics Council to review the allegation packet with their Peer Advocate, or to privately talk to their Peer Advocate, without any Commissioners present. I believe that this is a necessary change to make the process more transparent and equitable for all parties involved.

Moreover, Student Union Parliamentarian Thomas Musgrave made progress in implementing a similar level of fairness in the Senate impeachment process. Standardized procedure did not exist for bills of impeachment in the Senate, so Thomas worked with the Chair of the Senate to form a committee to draft said procedure.

The Judicial Council remains committed to upholding justice for all, and are proud to have made strides in improving the impeachment process and clarifying areas of confusion.

Respectfully,

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