

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
ACADEMIC, APPELLATE, AND SENATE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT**

2013-2014 Academic Year

STUDENT ACADEMIC APPELLATE COMMITTEE

1. Membership (include ex-officio members).
Regular Members: Tony Polito, Jonathan Wacker, Liz Fogarty, Michael Robinson, Ethan Anderson, Greg Funaro, Soveig Bosse, Jeff Coghill

Ex-officio Members: Elizabeth Forrestal (Rep. of Chancellor), Stacey Altman (Rep. of Provost and VC for Academic Affairs), Philip Julian (Rep. of Faculty Senate), Ryan Beeson (Rep of Student Body), OPEN (Rep. of Chair of Faculty), Robin Ashley (Rep. of Graduate School)

2. Meeting Dates (include members present*).
* and members who contributed to committee action, but were not at the meeting.

September 4, 2013: Beeson, Bosse, Coghill, Fogarty, Forrestal, Funaro, Julian, Polito, Robinson, Wacker
October 2, 2013: *Meeting was cancelled
November 6, 2013: Altman, Bosse, Coghill, Polito, Wacker
December 4, 2013: *Meeting was cancelled. 1 appeal was tabled to January meeting.
January 6, 2014: Altman, Ashley, Bosse, Coghill, Fogarty, Forrestal, Funaro, Julian, Polito, Wacker
February 5, 2014: Altman, Anderson, Bosse, Coghill, Fogarty, Forrestal, Julian, Polito, Robinson, Wacker
March 5, 2014: Altman, Anderson, Ashley, Beeson, Bosse, Coghill, Fogarty, Forrestal, Funaro, Julian, Polito, Robinson, Wacker
April 2, 2014: Altman, Bosse, Coghill, Fogarty, Forrestal, Funaro, Polito, Wacker
May 7, 2014: Altman, Anderson, Bosse, Coghill, Forrestal, Julian, Polito, Wacker

3. Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work). N/A

4. Accomplishments during the year, especially as addressed through committee goals. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate that will be noted under #5.

At the October meeting, we decided to work on our first SAAC goal: 'Explore policies and determine whether to limit the length of time for appeals affecting financial aid.' We invited experts from the Financial Aid office to the meeting to discuss the possible ramifications of policy change on the financial aid process. In the end, the committee decided not to limit the length of time for hearing appeals.

In the same meeting we also discussed our 2nd SAAC goal: 'Examine whether we can separate the financial aid information from their appeal.' The impetus behind this goal was the fact that the committee wished to make decisions on appeals without knowing the possible ramifications for financial aid outcomes. Again we consulted with the experts from the Financial Aid office and determined, in the end, that the current process best handles this situation.

During the winter months, Chairperson Polito discussed with the faculty senate office and Chair the 3rd SAAC goal of the committee: 'Examine whether we can separate the financial aid information from students' appeal'. The committee wrote this goal to address the issues with getting a quorum for the summer 2013 meetings. Chair Polito learned that meetings could be held online during the summer when difficulty in getting a quorum occurred, as long as there was a discussion held on each item for appeal (not a discussion or decision to uphold the total decision of the assembled members). It was deemed appropriate to hold an online discussion in a platform set up for this purpose, should the need occur.

5. Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers). N/A
6. Business carried over to next year (list in priority order). N/A
7. Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee's work during the year).
 - A. Charge: None
 - B. Personnel: None
 - C. Attendance: Some members were not in regular attendance; difficult to schedule a time when all can meet; difficult to accommodate schedules outside of times when the University is in session (such as May – August; Holiday break)
 - D. Responsibilities: None
 - E. Activities: None
8. Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty and/or Faculty Senate for improving the effectiveness of the committee.

The 2013-2014 Committee will meet in August 2014 to hear appeals prior to the start of the school year. It is necessary to let the members know as soon as possible of the August meeting date. It is recommended that the committee seek to change this so that it is the responsibility of the incoming committee to meet in August, not the outgoing committee. This would affect #9 below and mean that the organizational meeting might need to be held in the spring.
9. Does the Committee's organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year?
See #8 above.

Signed: Chairperson Tony Polito, PhD

Secretary Liz Fogarty, PhD