



Gary Stephen Allison, Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Appeals

During this report period the FSGC (Level IV in the grievance process) heard two cases. Both were initiated by University professors who were grieving the results of different Level III decisions. The charge of the committee does not have anything explicit preventing faculty from grieving prior decisions before Level IV so both cases were heard.

The FSGC convened in 11/13 to hear a case of a professor grieving a Level III decision in which Level III had found in the student's favor, raising her grade from a B+ to an A. After reviewing the audiotapes of the Level III hearing, reviewing all pertinent documentation, and discussion, the committee voted unanimously to uphold the Level III decision in favor of the student.

The FSGC also convened in 1/14 and 2/14 to hear the case of another professor grieving a prior Level III decision. After examining all materials the committee found that the core issue was not the grade, but academic dishonesty. The FSGC does not hear cases of academic dishonesty, therefore the committee communicated (in writing) to the professor that their case should be taken to the Office of Student Conduct.

Juliet Dee, Chair, Cultural Activities and Public Events

The Cultural Activities and Public Events (CAPE) Committee met on October 21, 2013 and allocated funds

in response to faculty requests for funding as follows:

<i>Faculty Member Awarded</i>	<i>Cultural Event</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Michael Cotsell	International Film Series	\$6,250

Bill Deering	Black Maria Film & Video Festival	\$1,250
Elizabeth Simmons	Dr. Tim Barringer, Lecture on Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood	\$500
Owen White	Dr. Geoffrey Parker, Lecture on “Climate & Crisis: War, Famine & Empires in the 1590s”	\$500
Janice Bibik	Third Annual Dance Minor Concert	\$500
Karen Rosenberg	Women’s History Month Film Series	\$500

The Cultural Activities and Public Events (CAPE) Committee welcomes applications for funding for the Fall 2014 semester.

Applications for next fall are due May 15, 2014.

Alan Fox, Chair, Senate Budget Committee

- The Committee began its work in the Spring semester, and has met three times so far. We are still mapping out the scope of the committee’s responsibilities, and have been awaiting the results of the separately convened Provost’s committee. We discussed the need for accounting on the part of the administration when they create new positions. As is the case with academic programs, we need to know that the money is not coming out of academics. The larger question is the scope of the committee: should we be looking at the overall budget? How big does the pot have to be before we take a look at it? We need to be the guardians of transparency in the budget process. We are attending the meetings of the Board of Trustees Finance Committee and Capital Committee and monitoring the agendas of the Senate Undergraduate and Graduate Committees for items that require clarification.

Philip Duker, Chair, International Studies Committee

The International Studies Committee has not had a formal meeting yet during the 2013-2014 academic year, partly due to my late appointment as chair of the committee. We

have a meeting scheduling for April 28th in order to discuss issues of concern and set an agenda for the following year.

Tony Seraphin, Chair, Faculty Senate Student Life Committee

The Faculty Senate Student Life Committee (FSSLC) met four times during the 2013-2014 academic year during which a number of issues were discussed and presentations made.

- Albert "Skip" Homiak, Executive, Director of Campus and Public Safety, and University of Delaware Police Department Chief, Chief Patrick A. Ogden met with the committee and discussed a broad range of issues, including but not confined to crime rate, the impact of alcohol consumption on campus and immediate environs, safety issues, the events of September 9th.
- There was a joint meeting (chaired by Faculty Senate President Deni S. Galileo) of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) and the FSSLC to discuss email correspondence Senators had received from parents of the UD men's rugby club. The correspondence detailed events of the "Rugby Club" incidence and requested that the rugby club be reinstated as soon as possible. Below are some recommendations/issues that emerged from the joint meeting:
 - 1) Revise the charge/description of the Student Life Committee on and for the web page. Deni says that any changes are really a change to the Senate Bylaws, which means we will have to submit a resolution that goes through Rules Committee and eventually gets approved by the full Senate. That charge/description is woefully outdated. Some things to change are the annual meetings with the VP or VP's representative, the updating titles of things, and the elimination of obsolete committees and responsibilities, etc.
 - 2) We need to ensure procedurally that all changes to the UD Student Guide to University Policies are identified and reviewed by the Student Life Committee. There apparently has been considerable slippage here, such that we discovered changes that no one knew about. All of those changes need to be detailed by you (Committee Chair) in the annual committee report to the Faculty Senate. The issue here is documenting and creating an historical record.
 - 3) We had the beginning of a serious discussion about the tobacco-free policy being considered by the university. This policy was scheduled to be implemented without proper faculty, staff, or committee input. The Student Government Association should have routed their

recommendation through the Faculty Senate via their Senator or via the Student Life Committee. To remedy this procedural omission, we agreed that the undergraduate student Senator would introduce the resolution as New Business at Monday's February Senate meeting. Then, it will be duly considered by the Senate, which is likely to include an open hearing and vote by Senators.

- 4) The committees also went through the flow chart of the student conduct problems process.
- Kathleen G. Kerr, Executive Director, Residence Life & Housing presented the 2014-2015 Residence Life Plan, which was unanimously approved by the committee.
- Rich Rind, Parking and Transportation Director, also presented to the committee on a transportation concern regarding the implementation of a new bus schedule that adversely affected students trying to get to classes in Townsend, WorriLOW, the Fisher Greenhouse, and environs. The matter was brought to the attention of the committee by Mark S. Parcels, Professor, Dept. of Animal and Food Sciences, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Rich promised to work closely with all concerned parties to try and find a solution to the existing problem.

John Courtright, Chair, Faculty Welfare and Privileges Committee

Annual Report

The Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges had three items of business come before it this year.

1. We completed a relatively major revision to the Committee's procedures for mediating and adjudicating complaints brought before it.
2. We considered adding a third section to the complaint procedures that would deal exclusively with the issue of sexual harassment and assault. After consulting with the General Counsel's office, however, that writing such a document that would adhere to the federal guidelines for these issues was beyond our collective abilities. Fortunately, the General Counsel's Office agreed to write the first draft for us. We are expecting that draft before the end of Spring semester, 2014.
3. We had a complaint filed by a faculty member against a colleague over how a grant was being administered. Mediation was unsuccessful. The Committee did,

however, receive a copy of the Terms and Conditions of the grant. This document indicated that the complaint was without merit and was subsequently dismissed by the Committee.

Dallas G. Hoover, Chair, University Promotions & Tenure Committee

In January 2014 the University P&T Committee reviewed 45 faculty candidate dossiers submitted for promotion and the granting of tenure for compliance with published criteria. Candidate appeals regarding dossiers with adverse recommendations were heard in February. The committee also met with the Provost and Vice Provost following the appeals. Earlier in the academic year the committee made recommendations on several department promotion & tenure guidelines. Currently the university promotion & tenure guidelines are being assessed for recommendations leading to potential revision.

Steve Eidleman, Chair, Faculty Senate Library Committee

The library committee has met several times during this year. There are two major categories of activities for the committee. 1) Review of library programs and operations to provide faculty feedback. One major and exciting issue is the impending implementation of the WorldShare Management Services (WMS). On July 1, 2014, WMS will replace the current DELCAT with a new cloud-based system. The University of Delaware Library will be the first research library in the nation to implement WMS, with servers based in Dublin, Ohio and Australia. WMS provides a unified, Web-based environment that streamlines acquisitions, circulation, license management and metadata management workflows and offers a powerful discovery and delivery tool for library users. OCLC's cloud-based library management services enable libraries to share infrastructure costs and resources as well as to collaborate in new ways. and 2) A specific major issue, Open Access, which will be presented to the Faculty Senate in the next academic year. The Library Committee recently presented the open access issue to the Chairs Workshop for the purpose of informing them on the issue. The Committee requested invitations to departmental faculty meetings in the coming year to explain the issue more fully to faculty.

Prasad Dhurjati, Chair, Report of the Rules Committee

Members: Don Lehman, Eric Rise, John Madsen and Tatyana Polenova.

The Rules Committee met formally once on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 10 am. All members were present except for Tatyana Polenova. The Committee

examined the resolution to set up a Senate Budget Committee and also the Parliamentary Procedures document. Changes were made to both documents and the modified document was approved unanimously and sent to the Executive Committee. On April 11, the rules committee also considered a resolution for Chair and Dean Approval of Academic Programs. This resolution was approved by a vote of 3-2 by the Rules Committee.

Steve Hastings, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

2013 – 2014 was an very busy year for UGS. We reviewed over 100 curricula revisions, 5 permanent status requests, 12 University Breadth requests and several MC and DLE requests. In addition, we sent two successful resolutions to the Senate – one regarding class meetings and one regarding time periods on curricula requirements. Finally, we worked with Departments and The Registrar's Office to clarify curricula requirements in several major and minors.

Shangyou Zhang, Chair, Diversity and Affirmative Action

Nothing was charged to the committee of Diversity and Affirmative Action in 2013-2014. There was no meeting of the committee.

Karen Stein, Chair, General Education Committee

The members of the Committee continued individual information gathering sessions with their own constituencies regarding desired general education skills, and continued to seek out research/examples from other universities. Additionally, an open session for all university faculty/staff was held as part of the Summer Teaching Institute. Documents and summaries resulting from these actions were posted on the committee sakai website. Summaries of Committee findings were shared with the Provost and the Deputy Provost in early January and their views on continuing paths forward and potential areas of support were solicited.