

University Faculty Senate Standing Committee Reports

2014-2015

Academic Appeals Committee

Committee Chair: Gary Alison

The Academic Appeals Committee had no grievances this year, thus the committee did not meet.

Committee on Committees and Nominations (COCAN)

Committee Chair: Brian Hanson

COCAN did most of its work of replacing committee members and appointing APR participants through the year via email, with one significant spring meeting to match volunteers with committee needs for the 2015-2016 academic year. Special staffing situations this year concerned re-activating the Diversity Committee and the General Education Committee and helping the Executive Committee create the Sexual Harassment Commission. Three committee charge revisions were proposed this year, involving the membership of Graduate Studies, a diversity mandate for COCAN, and the disestablishment of the Retiring, Retired and Emeriti faculty subcommittee.

Instructional, Computing, and Research Support Services

Committee Chair: Don Lehman

The ICRS Committee met once with UD's Central IT to discuss cyber security and how implementation and new policies might affect the faculty. A report of this meeting was submitted to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Student Life Committee

Committee Chair: Tony Seraphin

The Faculty Senate Student Life Committee (FSSLC) met three times during the 2014-2015 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 to give the committee an update on reports of students and alcohol. They also touched on the crime rate in Newark and safety issues.

- Kathleen G. Kerr, Executive Director, Jim Tweedy, and Michele Kane, Residence Life & Housing presented the 2015-2016 Residence Life Plan, which was unanimously approved by the committee.

**Cultural Activities and Public Events
Committee Chair: Juliet Dee**

The Cultural Activities and Public Events (CAPE) Committee met on October December 4, 2014. Those in attendance were Juliet Dee, Meredith Ray, Ashley Pigford, Michael Cotsell, Pablo Huq, Steven Tague and Karren Helsel. The CAPE Committee 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	\$7,200
Bill Deering & Amy Hicks	Black Mariah Film & Video Festival	\$500
Eileen Grycky	Recital by Flutist Ian Clarke	\$500
Meredith Ray	Novelist Amara Lakhous, Lecture	\$500
Janice Bibik	Fourth Annual Dance Minor Concert	\$500
Marie Laberge	Women’s History Film Series	\$500
Karla Bell	Talk on LGBT Campus Climate	\$500
David Blacker	Lecture by Christopher Phillips	\$250

Janice Bibik filed a follow-up report on the Fourth Annual Dance Minor Concert, “Perpetual Artistry,” held on March 13 & 14, 2015. The combined audience for both nights numbered 448 people, including students, parents of the dancers, faculty, staff, the Dean of the College of Arts & Science, and the general public.

The CAPE Committee wrote to Provost Domenico Grasso on October 28, 2014 to request that its budget be increased to \$25,000 per year rather than \$20,000. Provost Grasso referred the request to Nancy Brickhouse, but she denied the request.

The Cultural Activities and Public Events (CAPE) Committee welcomes applications for funding for the Fall 2015 semester.

Applications for next fall are due May 15, 2015.

**University Promotions and Tenure Committee
Committee Chair: Dallas Hoover**

Our committee reviewed 56 dossiers this year in January and February and met with appeal candidates. We also met with Vice Provost Matt Kinservik to discuss dossiers and

make recommendations regarding revisions in formatting dossiers. We met with Seth Sabo to discuss and vote on a Faculty Senate resolution involving P&T. We also reviewed three department P&T revisions and made recommendations for approval.

Faculty Welfare and Privileges Committee

Committee Chair: John Courtright

In addition to the procedural changes that were passed by the Faculty Senate this Spring, the Committee received two preliminary complaints and three inquiries about complaints. The Committee also held one formal hearing to adjudicate a complaint. Due to the confidential natures of these complaints, inquiries, and hearing, that is all the Committee can report at this time.

Research Committee

Committee Chair: Stuart Kaufman

In keeping with past practice, the Research Committee focused its efforts in 2014-15 on issues related to the General University Research (GUR) grant program. The Committee met once in the fall to discuss procedures and the timetable for the review of GUR proposals, among other issues.

As of the December deadline, the Research Office had received 19 completed proposals for GUR grants from across the university, with the majority of proposals coming from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business and Economics. In February, Committee members reviewed the GUR proposals. We met in March 2015, to decide on funding recommendations to be made to Charlie Riordan, the Vice Provost for Research and a member of the Committee. Ultimately, 18 proposals were funded for a combined total of \$117,274. The average award size was thus approximately \$6515.

The Committee found that participation in the GUR process was informative, giving members familiarity with a broad swath of the diverse types of research ongoing on at the University of Delaware. We also discussed additional issues to consider for our 2014-15 agenda.

In addition to these activities, the committee chairperson worked with Vice Provost Riordan to compile the required report on exceptions to the University of Delaware Open Research Policy that were made in 2014. The committee discussed the contents of this report at one of its spring meetings.