

2016 - 2017 Report to Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Judiciary and Appeals Council and Committee on Appeals

The activities in Faculty Senate Committee on Appeals continues a trend that began several years ago; questions and appeals are frequent. Increasing student enrollment resulting in stress on the professoriate attributable to greater teaching loads and increasingly larger student populations in classes coupled with declining faculty numbers continue and likely contribute to the questions from faculty and the number of appeals. Nine faculty have been involved with appeals, inquiries about appeals or concerns about administrative action that could eventually result in an appeal. In the 2016-2017 reporting period, four of the inquiries have resulted in appeals or addressed with mediators.

The Faculty Senate Committee on Appeals convened four times during 2016-2017 to act upon *Ad Hoc Investigative Committee* reports and make recommendations to administration. Two appeals are currently in process. There were several inquiries about putative appeals.

Reports indicate that the orientation initiated in 2015-2016 for *Ad Hoc Investigative Committees* has been extremely helpful during the course of appeals investigation. Finally, the need to increase the membership of the Faculty Senate Committee on Appeals continues and Faculty Senate Caucus chairs are alerted to the importance of greater membership to this important committee.