Memorandum

To: Academic Senate

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Fairness Board Chair

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Subject: FAIRNESS BOARD WINTER QUARTER 2010 REPORT

- The Academic Senate Fairness Board web site was updated to include information about contacting the Fairness Board Chair for questions of process.

- The wide range of member representation combined with furlough continue to create extreme difficulties.

- In consultation with Academic Programs, the Fairness Board Description and Procedures was updated and posted on the web.

- Student contacts included (the numbering system continues from the previous quarters):

  1. Grade Dispute carried over from Fall 2009
     The Fairness Board did not find merit in the student's grievance. The student claimed that grade did not consider all of the assignments. It appears a misunderstanding occurred due to the similarity in assignment topic names. Case closed.

  2. Grade Dispute
     The grievance was withdrawn by the student. Many issues impacted the timeline of the process in this particular case – students' personal issues; the furloughs; and the instructor involved in the grievance was an invited off-campus instructor. During the impacted timeline, the student took the course over during the process and passed. Case Closed.

  4. Grade Dispute
     Dispute carried over from Fall quarter. Discussions with OSRR, student, and Fairness Board are continuing. Case to be carried over to Spring.

  5. Program Transfer to Another University
     Student made contact but is studying off campus this quarter. The student took a course C/NC two years ago, however the course, with a grade, is required for transfer to another program (university). The student would like to take the course for a grade, but Univ. policy does not permit. Issue turned over to Records. Case closed.

  6. Grade Dispute
     Issue with an instructor grading, for an entire course, was addressed by the Department Head. Fairness Board Chair met with the student to explain resolution. Case closed.

  7. Grade Dispute
     Student made contact with Board to discuss grade dispute. Case on going.