

Memorandum

To: Academic Senate

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Fairness Board Chair

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Subject: FAIRNESS BOARD SPRING QUARTER 2011 REPORT

- During the SPRING quarter 2011, The Fairness Board corresponded by e-mail and met in person for a single grievance hearing.
- Student contact included:
 1. **Grade Dispute (Case 5)**
A student filed a formal grade dispute grievance regarding an alleged bias that a professor had in grading the student. The alleged bias stemmed from an accusation of plagiarism by the professor that was not substantiated by the OSRR. A hearing was conducted and the Fairness Board concluded that there was no evidence of bias used by the instructor in determining the final student grade. The Fairness Board found that the instructor acted fairly and without bias and informed the Provost of this decision.
 2. **Grade Dispute**
A student contacted the chair of the Board regarding a dispute of a grade on an individual assignment. After the initial meeting, the student has not contacted the Fairness Board and has not submitted a formal grievance.
 3. **Grade Dispute**
A student contacted the FB chair to discuss the manner in which a grade was recorded in the Office of the registrar. This student had filed a grievance with the FB that resulted in a grade change; however, both grades appear on the student transcripts. The student contacted the chair again and said that the issue was resolved.
 4. **Grade Dispute**
The parent of a student contacted the Chair to discuss a grade dispute that they have been discussing with the instructor and Dean. No formal grievance has been filed. Parent was directed to have student contact the Fairness Board.

Disposition of Charges for the Committee

- Ongoing review of student grade grievances
 - The committee has been diligent in its charge

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