

Memorandum

To: Academic Senate, Gladys Gregory

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Fairness Board Chair

Copies: None

Subject: FAIRNESS BOARD SPRING QUARTER 2012 REPORT

- During spring quarter 2012, The Fairness Board corresponded by e-mail and met in person for two meetings and conducted two hearings.
- Fairness Board contact included:
 1. The dean of students referred a Cal Poly graduate to the board regarding grade disputes in two classes, Art 462 and ART 468. The student believed that she was graded unfairly based on claims that the student made to the department head of the instructors alleged behavior. The student claims the professor found out and assigned her a D- in both classes as a consequence. A hearing was conducted.
 2. The Fairness Board chair was contacted by the mother of a student; The student subsequently contacted the board chair and met regarding a grade dispute in MICRO 224; the student believed that the professor did not give the student extra credit for completion of an assignment that would have resulted in a grade of a B- instead of a C+. The student did file a formal grievance.
 3. A student in the ASCI department met with the fairness board chair regarding an accusation of cheating. The student did not file a formal grievance with the fairness board.
 4. The fairness Board chair was contacted by a transfer student in the CAFES. The student wished to challenge the academic disqualification that resulted in the student not being able to register for class. The chair consulted with the student via telephone. No formal grievance was filed.
 5. A student from OCB was referred to the fairness board after meeting with Deans Christy and De Costa. The student contacted the fairness board regarding a grade dispute in BUS 310 and submitted a formal grievance indicating that the professor did not follow the syllabus in determining the grade in the class. A hearing was conducted and the case was deemed to have merit. A grade change was recommended from D to C+ to the Provost.
 6. The fairness Board chair was contacted by email by a student in AGB 212 and met with the fairness board chair. The student submitted a formal grievance. Based on a lack of evidence, the fairness board did not believe that the grievance had merit and the case was closed.
 7. The fairness board chair was contacted by the chair of the academic senate who referred a case to the fairness board. The engineering student contacted the fairness board chair regarding an allegation of incompetence in a professor. The chair met with the student but no formal grievance was filed.
 8. The fairness board chair was contacted by a student from biology department via email.

Disposition of Charges for the Committee

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

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