

## ACADEMIC SENATE – Fairness Board

Winter 2018

Due: Wednesday, March 28, 2018

MEMBERS	
Name	College/Unit
Broadus, James	ASI
Campos-Chillon, Fernando	CAFES
Dupray, Denae	ASI
Gharigyan, Hasmik	CENG
Groom, David	StudAffairs
Korth, Dianne	PCS
Leithner, Anika (CH)	CLA
Nelson, Jill	CAED
VACANT	OCOB
VACANT	CSM

CHARGES	
Charge	Status/Notes
Address academically related, grading, matters for students and instructors. <b>As needed</b>	None
Discuss revision of procedures regarding committee member refusal. <b>Winter 2018</b>	No revisions have been made.

### NOTES:

During the winter quarter of 2018, the Fairness Board deliberated TWO grievances.

The first case involved a grade dispute in which a student alleged that the student received a participation score that was much lower than anticipated as a result of unfair grading by the instructor of the course. The Board informally considered the case based on the evidence submitted by the student, decided it had enough merit to move on to a hearing, held the hearing with both the student and the instructor, and deliberated following the hearing. In the end, the Board unanimously recommended AGAINST a grade change in favor of the student. The decision was made because it was the Board's belief that the student likely misunderstood the nature of what constituted participation in the course and because the student did not provide evidence that the student was treated unfairly in this matter. The Board's decision was forward to the Provost's Office for final action.

The second case involved a student's appeal to the Board concerning an unfair grade in one of the student's classes as well as the student's dismissal from an academic program on campus. The Board met to discuss the appeal and determined that there was no evidence that the student had been graded unfairly in the course, which led to the dismissal of the grade appeal. With regard to the student's dismissal from the program, the Fairness Board does not have jurisdiction in such matters, according to our bylaws. The Chair of the Board instead referred the student to the appropriate office on campus.

No cases are currently pending.