

Final Report of the Bloomington Student Grievance Hearing Committee

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Student members:

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Activities for the year

1. The committee convened:
 - a. one panel over the summer to hear an appeal of grades in two courses from a student who had been removed from a program on the grounds of failing to meet minimum grade requirements;
 - b. one panel in September to hear the appeal of a student removed from a teacher education after three Alerts had been filed;
 - c. one panel in November to hear an appeal of grade with extenuating medical circumstances and made a recommendation to Executive Associate Dean Pete Kloosterman regarding resolution of the grievance;
 - d. one panel in April (which will be continued next week) to hear the first half of an appeal from a student removed from a PhD program and alleging discrimination on the basis of a disability.

With the exception of the final hearing (as yet incomplete), we made recommendations to Dean Gonzalez following each hearing.

2. The committee referred one appeal to the College of Arts and Sciences.
3. The committee received preliminary appeals from and/or advised three students who either resolved their grievances at the department level or decided not to pursue the appeal.
4. The committee voted to approve changes in the wording of our grievance procedures to bring us into line with the new campus policies. We were informed (email below) that since they did not change policy we could enact them immediately. The new version of the policy was posted to the School of Education website in December 2007 at:

<http://profile.educ.indiana.edu/PolicyCouncil/CurrentCommittees/Standing/GrievanceHearingIUB/tabid/527/Default.aspx>

-----Original Message-----

From: Bull, Barry L.

Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 11:26 AM

To: Boling, Elizabeth; Kaho, Jane

Cc: Thompson, Chalmer Elaine; Lopez, Gerardo R.

Subject: RE: Grievance procedure

Elizabeth,

The Agenda Committee and the School administration has agreed that these are changes in administrative procedures rather than policies. Therefore, the committee can implement the procedures without the approval of Policy Council.
Barry