

Proposal 1: To create a University-wide Academic Grievance Committee and that the current college specific Academic Grievance Committees (for student academic grievances) be discontinued.

Rationale: Instances have arisen where there is a perception of lack of objectivity and the possibility for inconsistent standards being applied in the handling of student academic grievances through the current college specific process. The replacement of the college specific committees by a university-wide committee will enhance the objective credibility of the grievance process and will help to assure consistent decisions are being made across the university.

Committee make-up: It is proposed that the University –wide Academic Grievance Committee be made up of: seven representatives elected by their peers (one from each college and one from Learning Resources), the Faculty Senate President, and the Tenure Faculty President for a total of nine members. When the grievance involves a graduate school issue, the committee shall also include three additional elected members (one from each of the graduate schools). In addition, the committee is allowed to seek the advice and input from other departments, schools, and colleges across the university as appropriate.