

## **YEARLY REPORT**

### **GRADE APPEALS COMMITTEE, 2006-2007**

The Undergraduate Grade Appeals Committee met a total of 3 times over the academic year 2006-2007 (though we have yet to meet for courses held during Spring 07). The majority of appeals came from students in the College of Health, Education, and Professional Studies, closely followed by the College of Business Administration.

The number of appeals heard from the College of Health, Education, and Professional Studies, has dropped dramatically since this time last year. This is the result of Dean Tanner and Dr Lindgren's work on making syllabi requirements clearer. Generally, the overall drop in appeals may be the result of all College Deans creating mechanisms that ensure petitions reaching the committee are indeed appropriate for our purview. Although I have no statistics to support this, the fact that there have been so few petitions so far, appears to be an indication that changes to the system have been successful.

The committee continues to do excellent and vital work for the university. It continues to strive to ensure that students are provided with a mechanism to challenge unfair, arbitrary, or malicious grading, and that Faculty have the opportunity to defend their syllabi and grading schemes. It has been an honor to serve on such a essential committee over the last two years.

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