

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

May 2, 2013

Dr. Gary Tyson Faculty Senate President

Dear President Tyson,

Three complaints were submitted to the Student Academic Relations Committee (SARC) during the 2012-2013 school year.

The first complaint (November 2012) could not proceed because the student neither provided any supporting evidence nor came to the required fact-gathering interview we had scheduled for a mutually convenient time. The student never contacted me to reschedule the interview, and the case appears to have been abandoned.

The second complaint (February 2013) did not proceed as far as a hearing, but for entirely different reasons. The student provided considerable evidence, met with me in person, and also communicated with me by phone and by e-mail. The case was accepted. I interviewed six faculty members named in the complaint and wrote a case summary, but before the hearing itself was convened the student and her college were able to reach a satisfactory agreement that settled the case without further intervention by SARC. I believe the agreement was the best possible outcome for this complaint, and I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Jennifer Buchanan for facilitating the resolution.

The third complaint (April 2013) is still in progress. I will be happy to update the committee's report once this complaint it resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Rogers SARC Chair