

May 13, 2025

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RE: Student Academic Relations Committee (SARC) Report, 2024-2025

Dear Dr. Hughes,

During the 2024-2025 school year, the Student Academic Relations Committee (SARC) received one student complaint from [REDACTED] who had been dismissed from the Master's degree program in Information in the Department of Information in the College of Communication and Information (hereafter "the Program"). On February 12, 2025, [REDACTED] appealed the process to SARC. However, in a written complaint submitted to SARC, she failed to raise any allegations or provide any evidence that decisions about her academic work had been made improperly or unprofessionally.

In accordance with SARC procedures, I decided not to forward [REDACTED] case to SARC and informed [REDACTED] of his decision on February 18, 2025. In this email I also informed [REDACTED] of her right to appeal this decision to the full SARC committee. On February 25, 2025, [REDACTED] responded to this email and asked to be reinstated to the Program. She did not explicitly indicate that she wanted the case to be heard by the full SARC committee, but after consultation with Associate Vice President Amy Guerrette her email was taken to constitute her appeal. Therefore, on March 17 the case materials were shared with the full SARC committee. SARC committee members were asked to review the materials provided by [REDACTED] as well as the previous communications between [REDACTED] and myself and to vote on whether SARC should hear the case. Committee members voted unanimously against hearing [REDACTED] case. Before we could finalize our decision [REDACTED] decided to withdraw her case.

Respectfully submitted,



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