



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

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Dr. Eric Chicken
Faculty Senate President
Florida State University
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RE: Student Academic Relations Committee (SARC) Report, 2019-2020

Dear Dr. Chicken,

During the 2019-2020 school year, the Student Academic Relations Committee (SARC) had one student file two complaints on October 27, 2019.

As SARC chair, my responsibilities include speaking with the student who file a complaint and any involved faculty member. The student raised several concerns that were necessary for me to clarify with the involved faculty member as well as administrators within the college. After consulting university policy on grade appeals as well as the grade appeal process utilized by the college, on November 8, 2019 I notified the student that I did not find any evidence to substantiate the claim raised in the complaint. I recommended the SARC committee not hear the student's case. The student was notified of my decision in a letter on November 8, 2019. The student appealed the decision, and, following the committee protocol, the SARC committee reviewed the appeal and available material. Having found no violations of university policy, the committee decided not to hear the case.

The student's second complaint was regarding an appeal of dismissal from the program. Following my conversations with the student and involved faculty and administrators, I recommended that the full committee SARC hear the student's complaint on the dismissal from the program. Due to scheduling issues and needing more information, the committee met on February 7, 2020. At the conclusion of the meeting, SARC members determined additional information was needed. Both the student and the college were sent a letter on February 13, 2020 requesting additional information by February 28, 2020. The committee met virtually (due to COVID-19) on March 27, 2020 with the student and College administrators present. At the conclusion of the meeting, committee members unanimously determined that the college's decision to dismiss the student followed protocol for an emergency dismissal. SARC recommended upholding the college's decision. Provost McRorie upheld the recommendation.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Jennifer Buchanan and staff for managing the logistics of SARC meetings and providing guidance and support in following the grievance protocols.

If there are any additional questions about the SARC process or my report, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Schelbe'.

Lisa Schelbe
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