



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, 2021-2022

Dear Dr. Chicken,

During the 2021-2022 school year, the Student Academic Relations Committee (SARC) had four students file complaints.

- 1) On October 6, 2021, a student filed a complaint about dismissal from her graduate program. After interviewing the student and the involved faculty members and administrators within the college, I recommended the SARC committee hear the student's grievance. The SARC committee met with the student and the college's involved faculty and administrators. At the conclusion of the meeting, committee members unanimously determined that the college's decision to dismiss the student followed protocol and did not find evidence of decisions about the student's dismissal being made improperly or unprofessionally. SARC recommended upholding the college's decision. Provost McRorie upheld the recommendation.
- 2) On February 13, 2022, a student filed a complaint about being dismissed from her graduate program. After interviewing the student, I decided not to refer the case to the entire committee as I did not see that there was evidence of unprofessional or improper decisions. I notified the student of my decision and included information about how to appeal my decision to the full committee. The student did not appeal my decision.
- 3) On April 13, 2022, a student filed a complaint about the dismissal from a graduate program. After reviewing the documentation provided by the student, I decided to refer the case for the entire committee to review. The SARC committee met with the student and faculty and administrators from the college. At the conclusion of the meeting, committee members unanimously determined that the college's decision to dismiss the student followed protocol and did not find evidence of decisions about the student's dismissal being made improperly or unprofessionally. SARC recommended upholding the college's decision. Provost Clark upheld the recommendation.

4) On April 14, 2022, a graduate student filed a complaint about a grade. I interviewed the student and then interviewed the college administrator involved in the case. I shared with the administrator my concerns about how the decisions about the student's work had been made and explained that my recommendation was going to be for the entire SARC committee to meet with the student and involved faculty member and administrator to review the grievance. After my conversation with the administrator, the administrator spoke with the faculty member, who decided to change the student's grade.

It was a busy year for SARC. I want to recognize the time and effort that the committee members spent with these cases. Additionally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Jennifer Buchanan and Ms. Veronica Lopez 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Schelbe

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