Student Academic Grievance Committee

The Student Academic Grievance Committee has original jurisdiction for our school's students. There will also be a graduate student academic grievance committee that has appellate jurisdiction for our students.

Our student academic grievance committee is specified in our bylaws but was inactive because of the Redbook's statement that such a committee is in the enrollment unit, which was the Graduate School but now is our school.

The following about the committee is from our bylaws:

“1. Membership

“The Committee consists of two elected and one appointed Executive Faculty who are not members of the Council of Chairs and Deans and two students. At least two faculty members must be present during grievance proceedings.

“2. Responsibilities and Procedures

“The responsibilities, procedures and timelines of action for the Student Grievance Committee are delineated in The Redbook, Chapter 6 in Art. 6.6 and Art. 6.8, and in 'The University of Louisville Student Academic Grievance Procedure' document. Students who believe they have been treated unfairly, discriminated against, or have had their rights abridged may initiate grievance. In order to comply with accrediting standards, the matters for consideration are limited to those concerning instructional activities, research activities, as well as personal characteristics and behaviors suitable for a career in the field of Public Health.”

This is a standing committee whose elected faculty members are from candidates nominated by the departments and whose student members are selected by the SGA.

In the bylaws, the following describes general conditions for faculty members on standing committees:

“1. An individual may not be elected to more than one standing committee. Faculty Forum membership does not preclude membership in a standing committee.

“2. A committee may not have more than one representative elected from any Department.

“3. Voting members of the Council of Chairs and Deans are ineligible for elected membership on standing committees.

“4. Members of standing committees serve staggered terms of three years; no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.
“5. Attendance at committee meetings is mandatory. A record of attendance shall be part of the committee’s normal meeting. Absences (total of excused and unexcused) from more than one-third of a committee’s meetings within an academic year will result in a vacancy at the discretion of the Dean or Dean’s designee.

“6. Individuals who hold temporary Executive Faculty status (Art. III, Sec. 1.A.2 and 1.A.3) are not eligible to serve on School of Public Health/Health Information Sciences committees in voting capacity.”

The bylaws state the following regarding student members of standing committees:

“Student representatives must be in good academic standing (not on probation) and enrolled full-time. They are selected by the student body under auspices of the established student government. A student may not serve simultaneously on more than one standing committee. The attendance of student and resident members at committee meetings is not mandatory although there should be adequate communication between student members to ensure one student at all meetings. Students jointly cast one consensus vote. If a disagreement occurs, the senior student present casts the deciding vote.”

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