

CAFR REPORT

The CAFR met approximately three times this year. Two issues of a confidential nature came before us. One is ongoing. The second issue was presented to the chair, but was subsequently resolved and withdrawn by the complainant.

We also engaged in discussions by email and in person on two more public issues. The first centered on the re-writing of Part 6 of the Faculty Handbook. Dick Hihn (CAFR chair) served as CAFR representative on the “working group” (faculty and administrative members) for this task, meeting numerous times since August '07. The new language was adopted by faculty vote at the March faculty meeting.

The second issue was raised by CAFR in the spring of 2007, and brought to the attention of Michael Ennis-McMillan, Dean of Studies. Briefly, CAFR was concerned last year about the increasing number of students looking to CAFR as the place to settle grade disputes. Early in March '08 the Dean of Studies issued a report to CAS, and later to CEPP with recommendations for developing an academic grievance policy to address these disputes. CAFR submitted a letter to the Dean of Studies regarding the report, which stated in essence that we did not think it was necessary or appropriate for CAFR to be referenced in an academic grievance policy. It is our understanding that CEPP will be addressing this issue in the near future, and CAFR hopes to weigh in on discussions about this issue.

The CAFR (07-08):

Alice Dean ('10)

Roy Ginsberg ('09; 2-yr. replacement for Lynda Vargha)

Lenora de la Luna ('10)

Monica Raveret Richter (Fall '07 replacement for Lindemann)

Dick Hihn (chair; retiring May '08)

Dick Lindeman (on leave, Fall '07)

Susannah Mintz ('08)

Lynda Vargha (on leave '07-'08; '08-'09)

Alice Dean has agreed to serve as chair for the 08-09 academic year.

CAFR ('08-'09):

Alice Dean ('10; chair)

Roy Ginsberg ('09; 2-yr. Replacement for Lynda Vargha)

Linda Hill ('11)

Holley Hodgins ('11)

Lenora de la Luna ('10)

Grace Burton ('09; replacement for Dick Hihn)

A full slate of students is needed for student membership in the fall.

Dick Hihn

Chair, CAFR