

Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights Annual Report: 2009-2010

Members:

Grace Burton, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Chair
Alice Dean, Mathematics and Computer Science
Linda Hall, English
Katie Hauser, Art History
Holley Hodgins, Psychology
Josh Ness, Biology,
Andrew Skinner, Physics (fall 2009 replacement for Josh Ness)

CAFR met 11 times in the course of academic year 2009-2010.

Formal Cases:

Alice Dean, the former Chair of CAFR and Grace Burton, the incoming Chair of CAFR, met with the President and the Vice president for Academic Freedom and Rights to discuss the findings and recommendations CAFR made to the President regarding a formal complaint lodged in the previous year.

Informal Cases:

Members of CAFR met with six individuals who sought advice from the committee for a variety of reasons. All these concerns were handled at informal stage; none of these community members chose to lodge a formal complaint.

Policy Matters:

CAFR met with members of CAS and CEPP to discuss the "Grade Grievance Policy." CAFR read and discussed various versions of the policy and offered its advice and counsel before the policy was presented to the full faculty for its consideration. Although individual members of the committee questioned the advisability of adopting such a policy, the committee as a whole agreed that the procedures outlined in the policy did serve to preserve the academic freedom and rights of faculty, students and administrators.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace M. Burton
Chair, CAFR

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