

## ANNUAL REPORT:

### Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights 2012-2013

CAFR serves as guardian of academic freedom and rights for all members of this academic community. CAFR issues can be approached informally or formally; this year we experienced both an informal case and a formal case.

**Informal Case:** In the fall term, two members of the committee met with an untenured faculty member who had questions about a department's procedures, which we discussed with the faculty member.

**Formal Case:** In the spring we were approached by a student who argued that the final grade assigned in a fall term courses was motivated by "professorial bias" and so deserved to be changed. Because this was a case which involved students, our student members played a helpful role. We interviewed the complainant, the professor, the chair of the department concerned, the Associate Dean for Academic Policy and Advising and several other faculty and administrators, but could find no evidence whatever of professorial bias.

**Other Activities:** In the spring the chair of the committee met briefly with members of the Board of Trustees.

Committee members for 2012-2013 included:

Pat Hilleran, Biology, tenured, 2015  
Mary C. Lynn, American Studies, tenured, 2013, Chair  
Crystal Moore, Social Work, tenured, 2014  
Rachel Roe-Dale, Mathematics, tenured 2014  
Sonia Silva, Anthropology, tenured, 2013

The committee members for 2013-14 include:

Mao Chen, foreign languages and literatures, tenured, 2016  
Pat Hilleren, Biology, tenured, 2015  
Crystal Moore, Social Work, tenured, 2014, Chair  
Sara Lagalwar, Neuroscience, untenured, 2016  
Rachel Roe-Dale, Mathematics, tenured, 2014

SGA will appoint student members in the fall.