

**Annual Report
University Committee on Academic Responsibility
2003-2004**

Committee Members

Dr. Ronald Davis	School of Music (appointed acting chair in October, elected chair in December)
Dr. Barbara Westphal	College of Nursing (elected chair, resigned mid-year)
Dr. Janice Bacon	Richland Medical Park
Prof. Mindy Fenske	Department of English
Prof. Kenneth Gaines	School of Law
Dr. Thorne Compton	College of Liberal Arts (replacement appointment)
Payal Patel	Undergraduate Student
Kendal Robinson	Graduate Student

The University Committee on Academic Responsibility met twice during the academic year.

Thursday, December 18, 2003

1. Student appeal from College of Nursing, discussion and vote of whether the University Committee on Academic Responsibility has jurisdiction. The Committee determined that the students' complaints were matters of academic grievance and were referred back to the Provosts Office.
2. Discussion to recommend to the College of Nursing the establishment of a separate and independent College Committee on Academic Responsibility. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.
3. Proposed Policy Changes to Section C of the Rule of Academic Responsibility from the College of Nursing. Revisions were suggested and sent back to the College of Nursing.

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

1. Vote of Policy Changes to Section C of the Rule of Academic Responsibility from the College of Nursing. Changes were approved.
2. Report on Meeting with Faculty Affairs Committee chair. With the Committee's vote at the December meeting the complaint heard from the Nursing School was still unresolved. In a meeting with William Bearden of Faculty Affairs, and Terry Parham from the General Counsel Office, existing documentation was shown stating that grievances unresolved by any college were eligible to appeal to Provost/President/Board of Trustees
3. Report of chair from meeting with Assistant/Associate Deans Council. On February 19 I was asked by chair Mary Ann Byrnes to attend a meeting of the Associate and Assistant Deans Council. The Council discussed the recent decision of the University Committee on Academic Responsibility, and how it clarified a grievance appeals process of

which the Associate and Assistant Deans were unaware. Further discussions regarding perceived flaws in the present Academic Rule led to the recommendation to reinstate the *Annual Report of College Committees on Academic Responsibility to the University Committee on Academic Responsibility* in order to observe how the present Rule is functioning.

4. Discussion to reinstate the *Annual Report of College Committees on Academic Responsibility to the University Committee on Academic Responsibility*.

5. Election of chair for 2004-05: Prof. Mindy Fenske was elected

6. New Member for 2004-2005

Prof. Duncan Buell, Computer Science and Engineering

Prof. Venkat Lakshmi, College of Science and Math

Submitted by: Ronald Davis, Chair

Date: August 26, 2004