

**Policy Recommendation
Amendment to S07-6 Student Fairness Dispute Resolution**

- Whereas: The current structure of the Student Fairness Committee (SFC) needs to be adapted to the changing number of appeals for grade disputes and student grievances; and
- Whereas: The current appointment process for the SFC student members is a long drawn out process and needs a faster turnaround time; and
- Whereas: A broader participation in the SFC is beneficial to the dispute resolution; therefore be it
- Resolved: 1. The size of the SFC committee can be changed to adapt to the need;
2. The SFC student members can be recommended by the Associated Students President based on their applications and qualifications; approved and appointed by the Senate, and notified by the Senate or the ombudsperson;
3. One faculty member at large shall be included in the SFC committee; and
4. Besides faculty and student members, the staff members of the SFC can be assigned to resolve grade appeals and shall have voting rights for grade disputes as well.
- Resolved: This amendment to S07-6 will be effective immediately upon the signature of the SJSU President.
- Resolved: This amendment to S07-6 expires following the conclusion of the Spring 2015 session.

Rationale: The Student Fairness Committee received 15 cases in the 2011/12 Academic Year, significantly more than the previous four years. Of those 15 cases, an unprecedented five cases were carried over to the 2012/13 Academic Year. Some cases need to be handled immediate before students' graduation. Both the current Ombudsperson and the SFC Chair have agreed that the proposed changes would make the SFC a more productive committee without additional workload.

Approved: 03/07/13

Vote: 16-0-2

Present: Aggarwal, Baker, Culatta, Du, Frazier, Goyal, Hagie, Jeffrey, Kelley, King, Kress, Postovoit, Sofish, Walters, Wilson, Worsnup

Absent: Holsey, Vanniarajan

Non-voting Member: Branz,

Financial Impact: None

Workload Impact: None