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Report on participation in the University Academic Appeals Board for the academic year 2015-16.

There was a recent reorganization of the academic hearing and appeals process and the process was more formalized than it has been in the past. There was a training session on September 11, 2015 for all hearing board members that presented the new structures and provided information necessary for participation in the hearing process. It was indicated at the training session that this is the first year they have held a specific training session like this. Within the system I was assigned to the Academic Grievance Hearing Board and served on that board for the year. The hearing process has been split into two tracks: Grievance and Integrity. There is a common hearing board that hears appeals. The Academic Integrity Hearing Board handles all cases of cheating and other integrity issues. All other grievances go to the Academic Grievance Hearing Board that I served on.

Over the course of the year, there were several hearings that were scheduled, but cancelled, which appears to be a common occurrence. There were two actual hearings that I participated in. The contents of the hearings are confidential.

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