

At its April meeting, the Faculty asked the Faculty Affairs Committee to redraft in paragraph B the language regarding when the Dean is to relay a complaint to a faculty member and chair. The proposed language is underlined.

Paragraph A. Student complaints paragraph for the Student Handbook and the College Catalogue:

When a student concern involves sexual harassment, affirmative action, the honor code, or grade review, the procedures to be followed can be found in either the Student Handbook or the Faculty Handbook of the College. A student who turns to a faculty member, program director, departmental chair, or dean for assistance in these specific matters should be referred to the relevant procedures in the appropriate Handbook. For all other concerns regarding academic issues, students are strongly encouraged to speak first to the faculty member in question or to the chair or program director in order to resolve the situation. Students may, however, contact the dean of the appropriate school directly. If students ask chairs, program directors, or academic deans to preserve their anonymity, that request will be observed.

Paragraph B. Student complaints paragraph for the Chairs and Dean's Handbooks and Faculty Manual

If a student makes a complaint about a faculty member to a dean, and that complaint does not involve sexual harassment, affirmative action, the honor code, or grade review, the dean will first consider whether the complaint might be other than trivial. If it is, he or she will relay the complaint to the relevant faculty member and program director or chair for discussion. If a student requests anonymity, that request will be observed. The communication of a student complaint by a dean to a faculty member and program director or chair in no way implies that the allegation is valid, or that the faculty member is at fault.