

## **A&S Graduate Ombudsperson Report for July 2015-June 2016**

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A total of 24 graduate students contacted the ombudsperson for consultation.

A wide range of issues arose over the course of the year, including student-advisor conflicts, progress toward degree completion, student collegial conflicts, negotiating a student leave of absence, and problems with the payroll office.

The time-scale of meetings varied widely. The shortest cases were resolved through a meeting and set of e-mails exchanged within a few days. The longest case required an extensive set of conversations and interactions with two professors, a director of graduate studies, the College legal staff, and the U.S. Office of Civil Rights.

I was able to pursue some outreach activities as well. I participated in a discussion on pedagogy as part of the new student orientation process, with the goal of making my name and face more familiar to students who might have problems during the year. I also visited the Physics Departmental Faculty meeting, and a meeting of Applied Science Graduate students. I will continue to pursue these activities in the future.

All cases have been resolved.