

A&S Graduate Ombudsperson Report for January 2012-June 2013

Activities for January through July 2012

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4 cases involving three departments were mediated between January and July 2012. Issues included mediation with a student's advisor with respect to timeliness of feedback (two cases), grade appeal, faculty-student breakdown in communication. All of these cases were initiated by graduate students.

The time-scale for cases spanned from 1 meeting to several consultations, in person.

Activities for August 2012 through March 2013

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3 cases were mediated by the Ombudsperson between August 2012-March 2013. Issues included mediation concerning a dispute between advisor and advisee, a student complaint over rules on thesis formatting, and plagiarizing.

All cases were initiated by graduate students. Three additional cases were "consultations" that did not require the Ombudsperson's direct mediation of the involved parties. Consultations included concerns of ownership of lab research, possible amorous relationship between student and faculty and timing of feedback for a thesis from an advisor.

The time-scale of the cases spanned from one meeting to several consultations, in person, via e-mail, or by phone.

One case is ongoing. All other cases have been resolved.

Activities for April 2013 through June 2013

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4 cases were mediated by the Ombudsperson between April 2013-June 2013. Issues included graduate student with issues about defending their dissertation, a sexual harassment issue, a non-sexual harassment conflict, and a grad student dealing with advisor issues.

All cases have been resolved.