

A&S Graduate Ombudsperson Report for July 2014 - June 2015

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A total of 11 graduate students contacted the ombudsperson for consultation.

A wide range of issues arose over the course of the year, including student-advisor conflicts over lab access and progress toward degree completion, student collegial conflicts, negotiating a back-dated transcript change for a student who was asked to drop a class by a professor, and problems with the payroll office. For one case, I lent my services to VIMS for a grade change dispute.

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 three professors, a director of graduate studies, and the College legal staff.

All cases have been resolved.