

A&S Graduate Ombudsperson Report for 2010

Activities for January through June 2010

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5 new cases, involving three departments, were mediated by the Ombudsperson between January-June 2010.

Issues included clarification and definition of continuance and/or graduation requirements, faculty-student “tensions,” and needed discussions between faculty and student. One case was initiated by faculty, with no student involvement.

Time-scale for cases spanned from 1 meeting to several consultations. All cases were resolved.

2 existing cases, involving 4 students and 2 departments, continued from the previous semester. The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research was involved in one of the cases. Both cases were resolved.

Activities for July through December 2010

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2 cases between July and December, 2010:

Issues included consultation and mediation over a dissertation defense, and mediation with a student’s advisor with respect to timeliness of feedback.

In one case, the department’s Director of Graduate Studies and other faculty members were involved in discussions. In the second, only the advisor was involved.

One case has been resolved; the other awaits resolution.