

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

Residency Appeals Committee

Chair

Robert A. Sirk, Ph.D.

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

August 18, 2014; January 16, 2015

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

Fall 2014 (August 18, 2014)

For the fall meeting the committee had received a single residency appeal application; to be hear *in absentia*. The chair proposed that barring concerns from the committee any necessary discussion and the final vote be carried out through e-mail communication. This was the process utilized and the committee concurred with an out-of-state residency decision.

Spring 2015 (January 16, 2015)

Spring the committee was called upon to hear five appeal applications. Two students were scheduled to appear in person and three were to be acted upon *in absentia*. All five appeals were decided for out-of-state residency.

Duties and Responsibilities

During the current year several changes to committee structure and responsibilities (Policy no. 3:019) were proposed, discussed and acted on by the chair and the University Policy Committee.. In summary:

1. Although the charge of the Residency Appeals Committee gives it responsibility in review and recommendation of admission policies, review of community college credits, and review of applications of students who may not meet admission standards, the committee's responsibilities are wholly in appeal review.
2. Clarification that the committee will convene at least once a semester (Spring, Spring II, Summer, Fall and Fall II) as necessary, and may convene at other times as necessary.
3. A request was acted upon that the Dean of the Graduate College be removed as an *ex-officio* member of the committee, to be replaced by the Coordinator of Graduate Admissions.
4. The appeal applicant will be made aware of the committee's decision by communication to the Office of the Registrar.