

Standing Committee Annual Report

Name of Committee or Council:

Residency Appeals Committee

Chair

Dr. Robert A. Sirk

Meeting Dates in Current Year:

08/17/11, 8:30 a.m. to post-11:00 a.m.;
01/11/12, 1:00-4:00

Major Actions or Accomplishments:

The charge of the Residency Appeals Committee is to provide advisement and assistance to the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Registrar. The Committee's duties may include: (1) review and recommendation on changes in admissions policy; (2) assistance with questions of community college credit-hour transferability; (3) review of student applications, where those students may not meet admissions criteria of the University; and (4) service as the appeals committee when a student seeks to contest their assigned residency classification. List item No. 4 continues to be the overriding responsibility of the Residency Appeals Committee.

Following its charge the Committee met in two working sessions during the 2011-2012 academic year - Fall (August 17) and Spring (January 11). At these sessions the Committee heard a total of 28 student appeals of residency determinations by the Office of Admissions and/or the Office of the Registrar. Appeal packets were compiled and distributed to Committee members by Ms. Shirley Korbe, Office of the Registrar. Over the time frame of the semester meetings the Committee collected additional information and clarification from student oral presentations. Weighing this additional material, the Committee discussed and voted to support the previous determination of non-residency, or to recommend a change in residency status. In toto, the Committee supported retaining non-residency in 10 instances and recommended a change to in-state residency in 19 cases.