

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:**

Residency Appeals Committee

**Chair**

Dr. Robert A. Sirk

**Meeting Dates in Current Year:**

08/18/10 and 01/07/11; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00  
p.m.

**Major Actions or Accomplishments:**

The Residency Appeals Committee is charged with assisting the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Registrar. This assistance may take several forms: (1) reviewing and approving recommendations on changes to admissions policies, (2) addressing questions on credit hour acceptability from community colleges, (3) assisting in review of student applications where the student may not meet admissions requirements of the university, and (4) serving as an appeal organ where residency status of a student is in question. It is No. 4 that has proven to be the primary responsibility of the Committee.

Following its university charge, the Committee met at the beginning of the Fall (08/18/10) and Spring (01/07/11) semesters to hear student appeals of non-resident status determination from the Office of Admissions and/or the Office of the Registrar. Prior to the meeting date Committee members were provided packets detailing residency information for each of the scheduled appealing students. In oral presentations spanning the six hours of the semester meetings, the Committee heard additional information and weighed extenuating circumstances of approximately 30 appealing students. Following student appeal presentations, Committee members discussed and voted to either support the previous determination of non-resident status, or to recommend a resident status change.