FACULTY SENATE REPORT

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Student Grievance Committee

**TO:** Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Chair, Daniel Tillman

**Student Grievance Committee Members:**

Daniel Tillman, College of Education (Chair)

Ophra Leyser-Whalen, College of Liberal Arts

Giulio Francia, College of Science

Vivek Tandon, College of Engineering

Sabrina Kao, School of Nursing

Tom Fullerton, College of Business

Max Grossman, College of Liberal Arts – At Large

Josie Tinajero, College of Education – At Large

Antonio Arribas, College of Science – At Large

Larry Valero, College of Liberal Arts – At Large (resigned February 2020)

Diane Monsivais, School of Nursing (resigned September 2019)

**DATE:** May 8, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Academic Year 2019-2020 Summary Report

**Fall 2019**

* Successfully conciliated 11 cases (includes some cases initiated previous semester)
* Transition of committee leadership from former chair Dr. Diane Monsivais to new chair Dr. Daniel Tillman
* Trained three new conciliators in the student grievance process
* Live committee meeting held on September 16, 2019 (all other committee voting and correspondence was conducted digitally)

**Spring 2020**

* Successfully conciliated 8 cases (includes some cases initiated previous semester)
* Obtained approval from Faculty Senate to improve 12 specific aspects of the online grievance submission process and modify the HoOP to streamline faculty notification system
* Transitioned to conciliating cases online because of Coronavirus
* Dr. Larry Valero resigned from this committee because he is leaving UTEP to teach at the Citadel
* Live committee meeting held on March 2, 2020 (all other committee voting and correspondence was conducted digitally)

**Grade Grievances Initiated Since August 2019**

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| **Result of Filed Grievance** | **# of Cases** |
| Student withdraws grievance or is unavailable | 1 |
| Dismissed prior to assignment to a conciliator | 1 |
| Dismissed after assignment to a conciliator | 5 |
| Grade change negotiated by conciliator | 3 |
| Dismissed after a hearing | 0 |
| Grade change after a hearing | 0 |
| Case still in progress | 4 |
| **Total** | **14** |

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| **College/School** | **Grievances Filed** |
| Liberal Arts | 6 |
| Education | 3 |
| Engineering | 1 |
| Science | 1 |
| Business Administration | 1 |
| Health Sciences | 1 |
| Entering Student Program | 1 |
| Nursing | 0 |

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| **Status of Instructor Named in Grievance** | **Grievances Filed** |
| Full Time Professor | 9 |
| Lecturer | 4 |
| PhD Student | 1 |
| Part Time Professor | 0 |
| Teaching Assistant | 0 |
| Unable to Determine | 0 |