

2003-2004 Report, Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee consisted of Johnny Goldfinger (Political Science), Giles Hoyt (WLAC), Robert Sandy (Economics), Katherine Wills (English, IUPUC), and Tom Davis (Religious Studies, chair of committee); Sarah Kincaid served as the student representative; Susan Sutton (Anthropology) served as the Agenda Council Representative; Rick Ward sat as SLA Administrative Rep; and Sherry Kendall and Sloane Thompson attended from the Dean of Students Office. The committee met five times during the 2003-2004 academic year: September 26, November 14, January 23, February 27, and April 23.

There were thirty-four student initiated appeals for a grade change; the large majority of these were requests to substitute a “W” grade for an “F.” Four of these appeals were approved; thirty were denied. There were seven requests for modification of school requirements; all were approved. Six students requested a modification of area III requirements; all were approved.

In addition, the committee made two changes to procedure: 1) agreed to send copies of the decision letter to the affected faculty members, and 2) committed to sending grade appeals forward to the committee for action if, after one month, neither the departments nor faculty members involved in grade petitions respond.

Thomas J. Davis, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee