

September 2, 2009

To: Dr. David Cordell, Secretary
Academic Senate

From: Dr. Richard K. Scotch, Chair
Committee on Faculty Standing & Conduct

Re: Report on Committee Activities in 2008-2009 Academic Year

Our committee has had modest activity during the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

In September 2008, we reviewed an allegation of misconduct by a student against a faculty member referred to us by then Vice Provost Robert Nelson. It was our consensus that there was insufficient evidence in the file to support the allegation, and that no remedial action was necessary.

At the request of Speaker Murray Leaf and the Compliance Training staff, members of the committee reviewed changes in the Annual Compliance Training in January 2009 and served as beta testers for the training. We found that the changes generally represented an improvement over past training procedures, although individuals had several specific suggestions and comments about the material we reviewed.

Finally, during the summer months, at the request of Speaker Leaf, the committee reviewed alternatives for a proposed UT Dallas Financial Exigency policy. After initial discussion in May, a subcommittee comprised of Dr. Ivor Page and Dr. Richard Scotch continued to review policy drafts with Speaker Leaf over the summer.

There was no further business for the committee in the past year.