

Great Basin College Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee

Written Committee Report

Physical Meeting: 21 August 2014

Meeting convened at 2:00 pm in Elko GTA 124; Pahrump PVC 115; Winnemucca GBC 123

Present: Scott A. Gavorsky (Chair); Mike Elbert; Danny Gonzales; Doug Hogan; Jan King;
Scott Nielsen; Diane Wrightman [quorum]

Absent: Pat Johnson (excused for student advising duties); Dale Griffith (reviewed via e-mail)

The meeting was held to address a request of a Step Three Grade Appeal initiated by procedural questions with a Step Two grade appeal. Since the origin of the grade appeal was a course taught in Spring 2014, the procedure followed was that in effect during Spring 2014, in the *GBC General Catalog 2013-2014*, pages 51-52

Due to FERPA regulations, the student cannot be identified in this public report.

Due to GBC personnel regulations, the identity of GBC personnel has also been withheld from this public report.

After the review of the materials submitted with the request and a discussion of the jurisdictional and procedural issues raised, the following decisions were reached:

1. No basis for a Step Three grade appeal exists at the time, since a Step Two grade appeal had not been completed.
2. The submitted work of the student be reviewed, and any resultant grade changes reported in writing to the student. This process would complete a Step Two grade appeal.
3. Per existing policy, either the student or the instructor would still be able to request a Step Three grade appeal with no prejudice if the issue remains unresolved.

The parties involved in the dispute were informed of these decisions in writing on 22 August 2014.

The Committee agreed that this case indicated that a broader review of the Grade Appeal procedures was needed to prevent similar incidents in the future. The Committee will conduct the review over Fall Semester 2014.

Scott A. Gavorsky, Ph.D.
Chair, Academic Standards Committee

ADDENDUM – 10 September 2014

The Step Two process was completed and the student notified via e-mail on 24 August 2014. No further requests for a Step Three Grade Appeal have been received, and the period for the receipt of such as request specified in the policy has ended.