

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Portland State University Faculty
Introduced in Faculty Senate, December 2020 - Submitted to a vote, January 2021

Creating the Academic Appeals Board (AAB)

The following shall be inserted into Article IV Section 4 as item 4.a; other committee listings shall be renumbered accordingly:

Academic Appeals Board. This committee shall consist of up to six faculty who have the capacity to represent undergraduate and graduate student concerns, up to three students, and one consultant appointed by the Dean of Student Life. The committee shall:

1. Hear appeals from students who claim to have received a prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation.
2. Advise and make recommendations to the Provost regarding the outcome of students' appeals.
3. Act in liaison with other committees as needed.
4. Report to the Faculty Senate at least once each year.

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These ten senators endorse this document and approve the AAB becoming a constitutional committee:

Amy Borden, Ramin Farahmandpur, Michele Gamburd, Gina Greco, Bruno Jedynek, Michael Lupro, Rick Mikulski, Mary Oswald, Vicki Reitenauer, Steve Thorne.

Rationale

In its current status as an Administrative Committee, the AAB hears appeals from students who claim to have received prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation and makes recommendations on cases to the Provost. However, to allow for a broader range of faculty representation and participation, and ensure that representation on the committee is achieved, it is requested that the AAB become a Constitutional Faculty Senate Committee.