

Great Basin College
Faculty Senate
Academic Standards Committee

Public Committee Report – Meeting of 3 May 2013
2:00 pm; Lundberg 114 (Elko) and GBC 109 (Winnemucca)

The Academic Standards Committee met on Friday, 3 May 2013 to hear a written request for grade appeal case from two students received 26 April 2013. The grade appeal hearing was the third step in the process outline in the *GBC General Catalog 2012-2013*, pages 53-54.

The two students also brought complaints of professional misconduct against the instructor related to charges of plagiarism which were the origin of the grade dispute, pursuant to the procedure outlined on page 53-54 of the *GBC General Catalog 2012-2013*.

The two cases were heard jointly per the request of the two students.

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

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

The meeting was held with all members of the Academic Standards Committee in attendance (including a member attending via IAV connection), with Gary Hanington serving as chair. The committee interviewed the instructor. Also interviewed was Dr. Danny Gonzalez, Chair of the Social Sciences Department, who had presided over Step Two of the Grade Appeals Process.

Although the two students in question had agreed in advance to the schedule, only one student attended the meeting via phone conferencing and was interviewed by the committee.

Following the interviews and a review of the written materials in question, the Academic Standards Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) The Committee rejected the request for grade appeal by the students. The grades for the student issued by the instructor stand.
- 2) The Committee found no basis for a charge of professional misconduct against the instructor.

A written notice of these decisions has been sent individually to the two students.