

University of Washington

Report of the Adjudication Panel, 2007-08

The Provost filed one petition for adjudication during the academic year alleging scientific misconduct. A comprehensive adjudication panel was appointed to hear this petition and as of the end of the academic year, this petition was still under adjudication.

Three petitions for adjudication were filed by faculty members during the academic year. One of these was a challenge to a scientific misconduct investigation. A special committee was appointed to resolve whether it would constitute a gross injustice to dismiss portions of this petition on the basis of timeliness and the committee concluded that it would as to some but not as to another. Other portions of this petition were timely and proper. An adjudication panel was appointed to hear this petition and at year's end, this petition was still in adjudication. The second faculty petition alleged improprieties in a denial of promotion to the rank of professor. An adjudication panel was appointed to hear this petition and the matter was subsequently resolved by settlement. A third petition alleged improprieties in a denial of promotion to the rank of research associate professor. An adjudication panel was appointed to hear this petition and it was decided adversely to the faculty member.

A fourth petition, alleging improprieties in the failure to renew the holder of a chair, was filed in the prior academic year and a brief adjudication panel was appointed to hear this matter. The Hearing Officer ruled during this academic year, however, that this should be converted to a comprehensive adjudication and this was done. The petition was decided adversely to the faculty member and is on appeal in the courts.

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