



FACULTY SENATE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (FSSAC) 2025-2026

Year Appointed	Last Year to Serve	First Name	Last Name	School / College	Department
24-25	29-30	Susana	Alvarez-Diaz (Chair since 2025)	Herbert Business School	Management
24-25	29-30	Mary Beth	Calhoon	Education and Human Development	Teaching and Learning
25-26	30-31	Joseph	De Santis*	Nursing and Health Studies	
21-22	26-27	Diana	Falsetta	Herbert Business School	Accounting
23-24	28-29	Massimiliano	Galeazzi	Arts and Sciences	Physics
24-25	29-30	Karina	Gattamorta	Nursing and Health Studies	
23-24	28-29	Richard	John	Architecture	
21-22	26-27	Tywan	Martin	Education and Human Development	Kinesiology and Sport Sciences
20-21	25-26	M. Danielle	McDonald	Rosenstiel School	Marine Biology and Ecology
24-25	29-30	Daniel	Perez	Miller School of Medicine	Anesthesiology
22-23	27-28	Marysol	Quevedo	Frost School of Music	Musicology
24-25	29-30	Mitchell	Shapiro	Communication	Journalism and Media Management
24-25	29-30	Craig	Trocino*	Law	
24-25	29-30	Francesco	Travascio*	Engineering	Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
(Ex officio, non-voting, serving at the request of the Chair)					
Melvin		Butler	Academic Ombudsperson		
(Ex officio, non-voting, according to Faculty Manual Section B4.12)					
Soyeon		Ahn	Representative, Graduate School		
Jennifer		Rau	University Ombudsperson		
Aaron		Gonzales	Student Representative, Undergraduate Student Government		
TBD		TBD	Student Representative, Graduate Student Association		

* Indicates Senate member

B4.12 The Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee deals with student conduct and activities, including: social, service, and religious organizations; student government; student publications; student services; student orientation, and the Honor Council. In addition, the committee shall receive and act upon appeals from

decisions affecting undergraduate student academic status and upon appeals to grades assigned to graduate students, other than law and medical students. The committee shall consist of one faculty member from each undergraduate school, a non-voting, *ex officio* representative of the Graduate School, and two non-voting, *ex officio* student representatives, one undergraduate and one graduate, which students will act as liaisons with the relevant student governments. It also includes the University ombudsperson as a non-voting, *ex officio* member. The committee may for good cause hold executive sessions without *ex officio* members present as determined by the chair of the committee. A majority of the committee's voting membership shall constitute a quorum, and decisions of the committee on appeals shall be by a majority of those present. In addition to appeals by individual undergraduate and graduate students, the committee shall act upon an appeal for an interpretation of matters within its sphere of interest by a member of the faculty or administration. The committee shall report its recommendations relating to undergraduate students academic appeals to the Provost and those relating to graduate students grade-appeals to the Dean of the Graduate School, who shall in turn report the decision on the matter to the appellant(s), to interested persons, and to the committee.

When requested by the Provost or the Dean of the Graduate School, this committee may examine and make recommendations regarding the appeal of an academic grade by an undergraduate or graduate student (without re-evaluating the student's performance) if the student has exhausted all avenues available within the school. The committee's findings on the appeal of a grade will be provided in writing to the Office of the Provost or the Dean of the Graduate School with a copy to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate; findings and recommendations will not be furnished to the appellant. The full procedure for such appeals is detailed in the Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee Standard Academic Appeal Process ([click here](#))¹

Upon receipt of an appeal, the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee shall appoint a hearing panel consisting of three members of the Student Affairs Committee. No member of the hearing panel may be from the same school as the appellant. The hearing panel will act upon the appeal and report its findings and recommendation to the entire Student Affairs Committee for final review. The Chair of the Student Affairs Committee shall forward the final findings and recommendation to the Office of the Provost or the Dean of the Graduate School with a copy to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate.²

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[Annual Report 2023-2024](#)

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[Annual Report 2020-2021](#)

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¹ [#2011-61\(D\)](#) - Legislation passed after the Bulletin was published amended the process on non-grade appeals. This legislation only applies to undergraduate students' academic appeals.

² [#2023-109\(B\)](#)

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