

Chancellor's Standing Committees
Revision of Records
Annual Report 2013-14
Submitted by the Committee Chair

The mission of the Revision of Records (RoR) Committee is to ensure, as best as possible, that the academic record of every student accurately reflects her/his performance at the University. Often this involves removing one or more grades from a transcript because the student's performance was adversely impacted by unexpected circumstances. Other times there is need to correct a simple administrative error. Cases involving clear administrative errors are straightforward. Most other cases, however, require a judgment to be made by the members of the committee.

Between June 2013 and May 2014, the ten members of the RoR Committee dealt with 271 petitions for revision of academic records, including late grade changes. Of these, 150 petitions were approved and 121 denied. In addition, the committee authorized the Registrar's Office to handle 143 *pro forma* petitions. The total of 414 petitions in 2013 is roughly comparable to the 449 received in 2012.

One issue that has increased in prominence relates to the responsibilities of students with previously-diagnosed disabilities. Specifically, the RoR Committee assessed multiple petitions this year requesting removal of failing grades because unrequested disability accommodations were not provided. As a typical example, a student with a previously-known disability chooses not to request accommodations through the Office of Disability Services and later appeals for a revision of records claiming that poor grades were due to the impact of the known disability. In order to limit the potential for moral hazard, the RoR Committee denies such petitions as a matter of policy unless other extenuating circumstances apply.