STUDENT ISSUES COMMITTEE
CHAIR REPORT

Current Committee Members
Juliet Hart Barnett (Chair), Ying-Chih Chen, Samuel DiGangi, Margarita Pivovarova, Veronica Daigle (Student Representative), Melissa Rudd (Ex-Officio), Debbie Robinson (Ex-Officio) & Erica Mitchell (Ex-Officio)

Committee Charge
- Addresses formal students’ appeals of decisions made by division directors. These may include: grade and plagiarism appeals and appeals regarding student status issues (e.g., program dismissals, student continuation issues, etc.).
- The committee is convened to serve as a hearing board. The committee forwards its recommendations to the dean.
- The Committee meets at least once each semester in order to review, develop and make recommendations to the faculty, division directors, and dean regarding college policies and procedures affecting students, such as those relating to admissions, continuation, retention, or professional conduct.

Summary of Activities on Cases from 2017-2018
As of June, 2018, the Student Issues Committee deliberated over three cases dating from fall semester, 2017 to spring semester, 2018. The committee convened to consider all documentation, applicable college and university policy, and evidence provided, reaching consensus regarding the student appeal decisions. The decision of the committee on each case was forwarded in letter format via email attachment to the Dean of MLFTC and Associate Dean of Academic Systems by the committee chair (Juliet Hart Barnett).

- **Case #1:** Student appeal of failing grade (XE) denoting academic dishonesty and dismissal from MLFTC; issue was misrepresentation of time spent in student teaching; student appeal denied.
- **Case #2:** Student appeal of failing grade (XE) denoting academic dishonesty and dismissal from MLFTC; issue was misrepresentation of attendance during student internship/student teaching and unprofessional behavior; student appeal denied.
- **Case #3:** Student appeal of grades in two courses (EED 579 & EED 524); issues was claim of inconsistent application of scoring rubrics; student appeal denied.

Summary of Activities on Cases from 2018-2019
- As of September 26, 2018, the Student Issues Committee is currently deliberating over one case involving a student grade appeal dating to spring semester, 2018; issue is claim of instructor vagueness and unfairness in scoring.
- Other activities of the Student Issues Committee have included meeting to provide mentorship to members new to the committee, including guidance on: a) committee processes regarding communication, b) expectations for timely participation regarding student appeals received for consideration, and c) information on how decisions of the committee are submitted to the Dean.
Issues Under Consideration and Activities for This Year (2018-2019):
The committee continues to consider how the college can refine messaging to students regarding specific behaviors representing academic dishonesty, as these continue to arise in the student appeals process. The committee is emphasizing a focus on academic integrity and alignment of our college standards with new guidelines being developed by the provost.