

Procedures for Hearing

Each Admissions and Academic Standards Committee may establish and publish its own procedures in accordance with provisions for academic due process and in accordance with the stipulation stated below.

The only people present at meetings of the committee shall be committee members, parties to the action being considered by the committee and their representatives (not to exceed 2), witnesses actually testifying before the committee, and 2 representatives of the Student Affairs Division. The College and the complainant may have an attorney present during the hearing. The attorneys may only advise. They may not cross examine, question, or address the committee in any way.

The committee, as a whole, shall arrange for a swift and comprehensive investigation of the matter under consideration. It will then decide, on the basis of written statements and discussions presented by the complainant and respondent, and review of evidence, whether or not sufficient grounds exist to hear a case and whether or not the committee will accept written statements in lieu of personal appearances by witnesses. If the committee decides that no sufficient grounds exist to hear a case and subsequently closes the case, it shall notify the complainant and respondent in writing as to the reasons for its actions.

If the committee determines that the case merits further consideration, the parties involved shall be informed in writing; consulted as to the possibility of correcting the situation; and, if a hearing is still required, be advised in writing of the scheduled time and place of the hearing.

At the hearing, the complainant, individuals directly involved, and witnesses may testify and be questioned by the opposite party and committee members. Only evidence presented in the hearings may be considered in the final judgment. Written statements by witnesses in lieu of personal appearance shall not be allowed except in rare instances. A record of the hearing, tape recorded or otherwise preserved, shall be reserved for reference and review until the case has been resolved finally.