The following is an excerpt from the June 9, 2006 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes:

**ADMINISTRATIVE REACTIONS TO THE FACULTY SENATE**

**Actions of April 14, 2006**

*Appeals Committee Charter*
Senator Baugh: The Governance Committee recommended and the Faculty Senate approved the recommendation for an Appeals Committee Charter; however, the Administration has indicated that they do not accept the recommendation. The explanation for rejection to the recommendation was that SACS found us in compliance. It does not matter if SACS thinks we need a charter or not, if we think we need one, we do.

Provost Flake: We are following the guidelines in the Catalog and the Student Handbook according to the approved policy. Therefore, as a result a charter is not necessary. We had a discussion in the Administration/Executive Committee Meeting and the Appeals Committee is not like other committees. There was a recommendation to simply change the title of the committee from the Appeals Committee to the Appeals Board and would therefore no longer require a charter.

President Gould: After the meeting, it was pointed out that merely changing the title of the committee to a board does not release the necessity for a charter because currently we have an Institutional Review Board (IRB) and that requires a charter. It is understandable that we would not want to have detailed information that identifies students who are requesting appeals; so the minutes that are posted would obviously have to be different. The minutes could, e.g., simply be a summary of the types of appeals submitted and the percentage of each type approved, possibly giving generic reasons for approvals and denials. Nevertheless, the Appeals Committee should have a charter posted that contains a description of the group's purpose, responsibilities, membership, etc.

Provost Flake: A report from Dr. Metarko could be provided without a charter.

President Gould: The report could be posted to the Argus Organizations web page as a link to the charter, where it would be readily found.

President Cavanaugh: That type of data can be provided without a charter.

Senator Richie Platt: Posting the report can be done without a charter.

President Gould: Agreed, we can post the name of the group, its purpose, responsibility, and membership. If we do not want to post the names of the members, we could still post the categories from which the members are selected. We can continue this discussion at the next Administration/Executive Committee Meeting.

Provost Flake: The Catalog and the Student Handbook contain this data.

Senator Richie Platt: Perhaps we could link the information from the Catalog and the Student Handbook to the Argus Organizations page.

Provost Flake: I am comfortable with a link; but let me talk to VP Debbie Ford first.