The Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee receives petitions from students for academic issues including, but not limited to, grade grievances, retroactive withdrawals, grade changes, late course enrollment, retroactive course enrollment, suspension and reinstatement, and catalog discrepancies. The committee is comprised of one faculty representative from each degree-granting academic unit (10), one representative from the Provost’s office, one representative from the Academic Success Center, one representative from the Registrar’s office, and one representative from the Graduate and Professional Student Association. All members participate fully during discussion of individual petitions; however, only academic faculty vote to approve or disapprove a petition. Each petition is reviewed based on submitted documentation, and the committee routinely seeks additional information from course instructors, when necessary, to ensure that the most appropriate and informed decision is made.

In 2010, ASC evaluated 568 petitions and the average turn-around-time was 19.7 days. In 2011, ASC evaluated 559 petitions and the turn-around-time was 11.88 days. These statistics include all petitions. Some petitions are submitted without required information and/or the committee solicits additional input from faculty with respect to the specifics of a petition. For petitions that are submitted with all required documentation, the committee returns a decision within fourteen calendar days from the date of submission. The size and diversity of the committee ensure that each petition is evaluated in a professional and fair manner.