2022-2023 Year-End Committee Report

Committee:	Faculty Rights and Responsibilities
Charge:	Attends to policies regarding academic freedom, teaching, research, interpersonal conduct, terms of appointment, promotion and tenure, and related matters, particularly with regard to the Faculty Handbook.
Chair:	Ana Aparicio
# of Meetings:	One meeting was held via zoom; further discussion occurred via email.

Completed Business and/or Accomplishments

The Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee (FRRC) had limited business this past academic year. The committee met via zoom in the Spring quarter to discuss a proposal made by a member of the Senate at a full Senate meeting. The proposal involved advocating for additional staffing for the Ombuds Office, a new office at NU which developed, in part, as a result of a resolution advanced by the FRRC. Members agreed that the FRRC should pay close attention to the Ombuds office's needs. The plan is to gather necessary data and speak with the current Ombudsperson in the coming academic year regarding the Ombuds' needs. Committee members agreed that only after such data collection and conversations with the Ombuds office will the FRRC be able to determine whether to prepare and present a resolution on the matter.

Unfinished/Continuing Business

In AY '23-'24, the FRRC will meet with the Ombudsperson and gather data related to their office's needs. The FRRC will then determine whether to prepare and present a resolution related to the Ombuds office's staffing needs.

New Business for Next Year