

## Memorandum

To: Dr. Tracey Schwarze, Faculty Senate President  
Fr: Dr. Kevin Hughes, CHECS Director  
Da: September 6, 2006  
Re: Informational Data

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I am writing to provide you with some information (available: [http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06\\_07/misc/CHECS/benchmarks.xls](http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/misc/CHECS/benchmarks.xls)) we discussed in our recent email correspondence regarding judicial statistics. Included with this cover memorandum, you will find benchmarking data related to evidentiary standards. Additionally, benchmarking information concerning grounds for appeals of judicial decisions is also presented. Finally, I have provided basic statistical summaries (available: [http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06\\_07/misc/CHECS/3yr.xls](http://facultysenate.cnu.edu/06_07/misc/CHECS/3yr.xls)) for judicial cases during the past three academic years.

Benchmarking data was obtained from forty institutions. Institutions were chosen based on a number of criteria, including judicial affairs reputation, quality of assessment efforts, similarity to CNU, competitor institutions for CNU admitted students, and Commonwealth institutions. On the attached spreadsheet, the first seven institutions (JMU through the University of Vermont) are institutions our operation uses as overall benchmarks for philosophy, content, process, programs and assessment. The last seven institutions (North Carolina State through Wright State) represent the home universities of the current elected leadership of ASJA, our national organization.

The benchmarking data demonstrate the following:

- \*88% of institutions use the same standard of evidence that CNU uses (preponderance)
- \*95% use Due Process as grounds for appeal, as does CNU
- \*78% use New Information as grounds for appeal, as does CNU
- \*20 % do not use Excessive Sanctions as grounds for appeal, similar to CNU
- \*60% do not use Insufficient Evidence as grounds for appeal, nor does CNU

CNU statistical summary data highlights include the following:

- \*The number of incident reports received in our office has increased each year
- \*The number of students seen in our office has exceeded 800 for the past two years
- \*Since 03-04, approximately 4.5% of charged students have had formal UCSD hearings
- \*Since 03-04, approximately 2% of charged students have been suspended.
- \*The percentage of suspended students returning to CNU is 64% for the past two years
- \*Since 03-04, less than 1% of charged students have been dismissed from CNU
- \*Since 03-04, less than 1% of charged students have formally appealed initial decisions
- \*Since 03-04, approximately 22% of charged students have appealed UCSD decisions
- \*Since 03-04, 30% of appealed UCSD decisions have been modified in some form

I hope you and members of Senate find this information useful. I am happy to entertain questions about this information at the September 8 meeting when I am slated to speak to Senate regarding some procedural changes. If there are additional questions to which you would like me to respond, please feel free to share them with me and I will attempt to gather the necessary data before the meeting.

I look forward to working with you. Thank you for the opportunity to share this information.