



**Committee on Academic  
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**THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure  
Annual Report, 2021-2022**

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**Mission Statement**

The Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure shall have jurisdiction to make inquiry and to conduct hearings in two general areas contained in ABOR 6-201 and 6-301, namely: in regard to those matters contained in the Conditions of Service dealing with the contractual employment relationship between the General Faculty member and the University /Board of Regents; and in regard to any internal matters relating to grievances against or by any member of the General Faculty. The committee shall consider the protection of academic freedom and tenure as a principal obligation. (Certain preliminary steps for dismissal situations are described in Chapters 3 and 4 of the *University Handbook for Appointed Personnel* and Sections 6-201 and 6-301 of the *University Handbook for Appointed Personnel* and Sections 6-201 and 6-301 of the *Arizona Board of Regents Policy Manual*.)

**Hearings**



CAFT held a hearing on December 7-8, 2021 via Zoom. The panel made its recommendation to President Robbins on January 17, 2022 after requesting an extension pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(a)(viii)(12). President Robbins has not yet rendered his decision.

CAFT held a hearing on January 12-13, 2022 via Zoom. The hearing that was originally scheduled on December 13-14, 2021, was rescheduled at the request of the grievant. The panel made its recommendation to President Robbins on February 8, 2022. President Robbins has not yet rendered his decision.

A panel was charged with hearing a third case, but the grievant did not pursue it and the case was closed.

The Chair is grateful for the expertise and dedication of CAFT members, all of whom volunteer their time for service on this important faculty rights committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dalila Ayoun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dalila Ayoun  
Chair, CAFT (2019-2022)