During 2005-2006, the Charges Officer did not receive any formal complaints alleging violations of the Faculty Code of Conduct. A case that was sent to Privilege and Tenure for a hearing was settled.

During the course of the year, the Charges Officer met frequently with individuals seeking information about the Charges process. The Charges Officer also meets often with potential complainant(s) in hopes of effecting informal settlements where possible but establishing Charges Committees when necessary.

Working with my predecessor, J. William Forgie, Divisional Bylaw 105 was revised to include a process for dealing with “frivolous” complaints. In cases where the Charges Officer believes that a formal complaint lacks merit (and the complainant disagrees) the Charges Officer can now refer the complaint to the Charges Advisory Committee, whose duty it is to evaluate the merits of the case and to recommend whether or not the complaint should be forwarded to an Ad Hoc Charges Committee for further investigation.

This year the Charges Officer has worked to forge better ties with the Campus Ombuds Office, to our mutual benefit.

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