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**Student Petitions  
Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2009**

Members Present:

A. Chesen (RSCOB) (chair)  
F. Bennett (CEHS)  
R. Penmetsa (CECS)  
T. McMillan-Stokes (UC)  
J. Howes (COSM)  
C. Aubin (CONH)  
K. Kollman (COLA)  
J. Parker (Student)  
M. Morton (Student)  
E. Poch (Registrar--ex-officio)  
P. Mohr (Registrar (ex-officio))

Members Absent:

J. Adabor (Lake)

The undergraduate petitions committee met on Friday, October 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in E107 student union. Alan Chesen is submitting updated committee information to be added to the faculty constitutional description of the committee responsibilities as a part of the quadrenial review process. Some discussion was held concerning the role of faculty as decision makers in the area of student refund petitions and the possibility of the undergraduate petitions committee in some way merging with the university refund committee. There was not a great deal of support of this idea in part due to the probable lack of desire on the part of college committees to consider refund requests should that be desired at some later date. There was sympathy to streamlining the overall petitions/refund process, but the consensus seemed to indicate that different measures could or should be taken to accomplish this end. An increase in possible faculty workload at all levels was cited as a factor in the lack of support for the possibility of a unification of these two committees.

Also, the committee ruled on 11 routine petitions from 6 academic units.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan S. Chesen (chair)