10.3 DISPUTES

In the event of the denial of an FSA, the faculty member may appeal such denial to the equivalency committee of the department/discipline.

If the denial is a result of action taken by an equivalency committee, an arbitration committee shall be convened to determine said qualification. The committee shall consist of five members: the department chair, a faculty member for the FSA or a related discipline appointed by the Academic Senate, and a peer chosen by the faculty member; with the president or designate of the Association and the appropriate Dean of Instruction or designate. The committee shall convene and reach a decision within thirty (30) days of the appeal. A dispute from an allegation that a faculty member has been improperly denied a FSA is grievable under Article 9.