



Date: April 18, 2018

To: Members of Senate

From: Prof. Mark Gillen
Chair, Senate Committee on Appeals

Re: **2017/2018 Annual Report**

The terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Appeals require that the Chair provide an annual report to Senate at its May meeting. This report covers the 2017/2018 academic year.

Appeals Received

The Senate Committee on Appeals received two academic appeals in 2017/2018.

The first academic appeal involved a student who made a request for WE (withdrawal under extenuating circumstances) based on medical grounds and other extenuating circumstances. The parties in this appeal reached a mediated agreement, and the appeal did not proceed to a hearing.

The second academic appeal received is currently under consideration by the committee. This appeal involves a student who requested academic concessions based on medical grounds. The committee will include a full report regarding this appeal in the 2018/19 annual report.

The committee did not receive any non-academic misconduct appeals in 2017/18.

Terms of Reference and Procedural Guidelines

During 2017/18 the Senate Committee on Appeals undertook a major review of its terms of reference and procedural guidelines. This review emerged in part from recent University Policy changes related to non-academic misconduct and sexualized violence, as well as reflections offered by the committee in its 2016/17 annual report. The annual report recommended that the terms of reference and procedural guidelines be revised for greater clarity regarding jurisdiction and process for appeals of non-academic misconduct sanctions. As a result of the review, the procedural guidelines for non-academic misconduct were separated from those addressing academic matters. Some additional revisions to the procedures were made to streamline process and provide clarity.

Revisions to the terms of reference and procedural guidelines were approved by Senate at its January 2018 meeting.

Conclusion

I would like to conclude by thanking all members of the Senate Committee on Appeals. The work of this committee is very important to the just operation of the university and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Respectively submitted,

2017/2018 Senate Committee on Appeals

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