



Date: April 19, 2023
To: Members of Senate
From: Senate Committee on Appeals
Re: **2022/2023 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 2022/2023 academic year.

Appeals Received

The Senate Committee on Appeals (the "Committee") received five appeals in 2022/2023.

Non-Academic Misconduct Appeals:

The Committee did not receive any non-academic misconduct appeals in 2022/2023.

Academic Appeals

The Committee received five academic appeals in 2022/2023. Three of these appeals have been resolved (reached a mediated solution), and two are ongoing. Below is a brief description of each of these appeals:

1. The first appeal involves a fourth violation of the Policy on Academic Integrity regarding sharing information during a homework assignment. This appeal is ongoing.
2. The second appeal involved a reduction of graduate funding. The parties reached an agreement during the initial exchange of materials.
3. The third appeal involved a grade review. The Hearing Panel conducted the appeal on the basis of written materials, and the case was dismissed.
4. The fourth appeal involved the transfer of academic course credit. The Hearing Panel conducted the appeal on the basis of written materials, and the case was dismissed.
5. The fifth appeal involves an exam deferral regarding an Academic Concession Request. This appeal is ongoing.

Recommendations

The committee wishes to make recommendations to Senate arising from two of the appeals submitted during 2022/23.

Clarity Regarding Graduate Students and the Senate Committee on Awards

The Committee recommends increased transparency to graduate students on how and when they may appeal decisions pertaining to scholarships, bursaries and awards.

Practice of publishing calendar regulations outside of the academic calendars

The Committee recommends that the practice of publishing academic policies and regulations on Faculty and Department websites be discontinued, and that academic policies and regulations be published exclusively in the undergraduate or graduate academic calendars that are available online, and on the University Secretary website. Archived and current academic calendars are the authoritative source of information on past and present academic policies and regulations. Faculty website publications are not always consistent with the official academic calendar, causing confusion and problems for students navigating university rules and regulations.

Appeal Tracking

Below is a chart showing the number of appeals filed in the recent 10 years. In contrast to the increase from 2018/19 to 2021/22, appeal cases to the Senate have decreased considerably.

Year	Number of appeals
2022/2023	4
2021/2022	13
2020/2021	15
2019/2020	11
2018/2019	10
2017/2018	2
2016/2017	4
2015/2016	1
2014/2015	1
2013/2014	0

Conclusion

Thank-you to 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,

2022/2023 Senate Committee on Appeals

- Kathryn Chan, Faculty of Law, (Chair effective January 1, 2023)
- Janna Promislow, Faculty of Law (Chair until December 31, 2022)
- Mauricio Garcia-Barrera (Vice-Chair), Faculty of Graduate Studies
- Dale Ganley, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business
- Ashmita Grewal, Student Senator
- Daniel Gudino Perez, GSS Student Representative
- Tom Kerr, Student Senator
- Donna Jeffery, Faculty of Human and Social Development
- Mark Laidlaw, Faculty of Science
- Lynne Marks, Faculty of Humanities
- Joban Raiwal, Student Senator
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- Kenneth Stewart, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Ada Saab (Secretary), Associate University Secretary