



Date: February 1, 2023

To: Senate

From: Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer Appeals

Re: **2021/2022 Annual Report**

The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer Appeals define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Normally in January, the committee presents a report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer Appeals met eleven (11) times during 2021 – 2022: July 6, 2021, August 24, 2021, September 9, 2021, October 13, 2021, November 24, 2021, December 8, 2021, March 16, 2022, April 6, 2022, May 11, 2022, June 8, 2022, and June 22, 2022. Three meetings were cancelled due to no appeals to review: July 20, 2021, January 19, 2022, and February 16, 2022. A total of thirty-four (34) student appeals were considered within this timeframe. Twenty (20) appeals were from Undergraduate Records and fourteen (14) appeals were from Undergraduate Admissions.

Undergraduate Appeals Considered

There were twenty (20) appeals from Undergraduate Records, of which thirteen (13) were accepted, five (5) were rejected, and two (2) were deferred. Of the Undergraduate Records appeals: the overwhelming category of appeal was “requesting permission to be reinstated following their first requirement to withdraw without having to complete the one-year withdrawal period or the 6.0 transfer credit units”, and two appeals were due to poor grades. Most of the grounds for these appeals were: Significant physical affliction or psychological distress documented by a physician or other health care provider, challenges studying/retaining information due to challenges learning online due to COVID-19, significant psychological distress from a traumatic incident, and/or unforeseen extenuating circumstances (often related to issues regarding COVID-19).

There were fourteen (14) appeals from Undergraduate Admissions, of which nine (9) were accepted and five (5) were rejected. Of the Undergraduate Admissions appeals, the overwhelming category of appeal was requesting to be reinstated following their offer being withdrawn due to poor grades or not meeting the minimum requirements for specific programs. Most grounds for these appeals included: significant physical affliction or psychological distress and included issues around learning and attendance during COVID-19.



To summarize, the committee reviewed thirty-four (34) appeals from July 2021 to June 2022. Of these, twenty-two (22) were accepted, ten (10) were rejected, and two (2) were deferred.

Report from the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Graduate student appeals are reviewed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies' Associate Deans. Each case is submitted on behalf of the student by the academic unit. The appeal must contain appropriate justification for consideration by one of the Associate Deans of Graduate Studies, who exercise this authority on behalf of the Dean of Graduate Studies. Admission appeals submitted directly by applicants are not considered, and these students are advised to approach the academic unit as a preliminary step. Between July 2021 and June 2022, the Faculty of Graduate Studies reviewed (31) appeals for admission, of which twenty-eight (28) were approved and three (3) were denied. Of these, 22 were from students who did not meet the English Language Requirement and 9 were from students whose admissions GPA did not meet the required 5.00 (B) average.

Respectfully submitted,

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