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Annual Report from the Senate Student Appeals Committee

The majority of this committee's work continues to be done within the sub-committee which consists of academic advisors, at least one faculty member, at least one UWSA senator, the Chair (non-voting), and, occasionally, non-voting members who attend to present special appeals. The sub-committee meets weekly and considers appeals related to graduations, retroactive withdrawal, incomplete term work, deferred final exams, re-admission, and other appeals set out in the Senate Standing Rules. Minutes of the sub-committee meetings summarize appeals heard and decisions rendered.

A student who is not satisfied with the sub-committee's decision may request a meeting with the Chair of the committee; if new information is presented, the sub-committee may hear the appeal again. If appeals cannot be resolved (by consensus) at the sub-committee level, a meeting of the full Senate Appeals Committee is called by the Chair to consider the case, including a presentation made by the student if he/she desires. The full committee did not have to meet to consider any appeals this year.

This year there were three appeals from graduate students and two appeals from Post Baccalaureate in Education students. The Faculty of Graduate Studies continues to refine their student appeals process.

I would like to thank the staff, faculty members, and UWSA representatives who contributed to this important committee over the last year. I am especially grateful for the exceptional service provided by the University's student advisors, who diligently create a balance between compassionate concern and fairness for University of Winnipeg students.

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