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Annual Report of the Senate Student Appeals Committee

The committee considers six types of appeals: 1) rescheduled/ deferred final exams/ tests and extensions of term work; 2) retroactive withdrawals; 3) readmissions; 4) graduation/ degree requirements; 5) grade appeals on procedural grounds, and 6) course audits.

The full committee is composed of the Associate Dean of Arts or Science (Chair) (votes only to break a tie), the Registrar (non-voting), the Director of Admissions (non-voting), four faculty Senators, and two UWSA Senators. Decisions of the full committee are made by majority vote.

A subcommittee has been established and is made up of a subset of the full committee (Associate Dean, Registrar, Director of Admissions, one faculty Senator and one UWSA Senator) plus the Academic Advisors. The Associate Dean chairs the subcommittee and decisions are made by consensus.

When a consensus cannot be reached at the subcommittee level, the full committee hears the matter. As well, in some cases the full committee will hear an in-person appeal when the subcommittee has denied the initial appeal.

The subcommittee meets weekly, and in 2016-17 averaged nine appeals per week. The full committee met three times, hearing two in-person appeals and one case for which there was no consensus at the subcommittee level. This year the subcommittee heard two appeals from graduate students.

My thanks go to the staff, faculty and UWSA representatives who worked so diligently on the committee over the past year. I particularly want to thank the Academic Advisors, who week in and week out have done an excellent job presenting appeals in a fair, reasonable and evenhanded manner.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Diduck".

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