MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Council of October 6, 2011

From: Professor Evan Bentz
Chair, Academic Appeals Board

Date: September 20, 2011

Re: Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Board to Faculty Council for the Period of September 2010 to September 2011

The Academic Appeals Board Responsibilities:

To hear appeals of undergraduate students against decisions of the Standing Committees of Council relating to petitions for exemptions from the application of academic regulations or standards and to make rulings on such appeals.

The Appeals Board shall report annually to Council at the regular Fall meeting indicating the number of appeals brought in the previous year and the disposition of those appeals. No information identifying appellants may be included in the Annual Report.

Summary of Appeals:

Since the last report by the Academic Appeals Board, the Board (AAB) has considered thirteen appeals on decisions from the Committee on Examinations; three appeals to petitions for consideration on final examinations and ten appeals to petitions for consideration for special consideration against Faculty policies.

In four appeals, the AAB found cause to intervene: granting two deferred exams, three retroactive withdrawals from one or all courses in a session and one aegrotat standing in a session. The AAB found no grounds to intervene in the remaining nine appeals and rendered a decision of “no action.”