



MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Council of October 28, 2015

From: Professor Evan Bentz
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Date: October 6, 2015

Re: **Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Board to Faculty Council for the Period of September 2014 to September 2015**

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 Academic Appeals Board (AAB) 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 its last report, the Board has considered 17 appeals on decisions made by the Committee on Examinations. Of the appeals, 14 were for special consideration regarding Faculty policies and three requested consideration on final examinations.

In eight of the appeals, many of which included additional information or new documentation, the AAB found cause to intervene, granting two deferred exams, one retroactive withdrawal from a course, one revised grade of "CR," two counts of probation relief, one deferred decision pending additional results and/or information, and one instance where a student was permitted to retain credits for the courses they were unofficially auditing. The AAB found insufficient grounds to intervene in the remaining appeals and rendered decisions of "no action" in these instances.

Respectfully submitted,

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