



MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Council of October 8, 2014

From: Professor Evan Bentz
Chair, Academic Appeals Board

Date: September 18, 2014

Re: **Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Board to Faculty Council
for the Period of September 2013 to September 2014**

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 19 appeals on decisions made by the Committee on Examinations. Of the appeals, 16 were for special consideration regarding Faculty policies and three requested consideration on final examinations.

In 11 of the appeals, many of which included additional information or new documentation, the AAB found cause to intervene, granting one deferred exam, eight retroactive withdrawals from one or all courses in a given session, one revised grade (a recalculation based on the professor's recommendation), and one adjustment of transfer credits. The AAB found insufficient grounds to intervene in the remaining eight appeals and rendered decisions of "no action" in these instances.

Respectfully submitted,

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