

Report of the Faculty Ombuds Committee to the Faculty Council for the Year November 2006 to November 2007

The Committee's Terms of Reference

The Committee shall serve in an "Ombudsman" capacity so that any academic member of the Faculty (i.e. staff, undergraduate or graduate student) may challenge any intra-Faculty administrative, executive or policy decision below the level of Council and request a consideration for stated reason(s).

The Committee has no power to overturn previous decisions. Rather, if it sees merit in the challenge of a decision it will work with the officer or committee that made the decision in an attempt to resolve the dispute with the challenger.

Summary of Appeals

During the 2006-2007 academic year, the Ombuds Committee received and considered 10 appeals against decisions made by the Committee on Examinations.

In five cases, students sought permission to continue their studies or return to studies earlier than Faculty regulations permit. The Committee did not find grounds for intervention in any of the cases.

Other cases included a request to adjust a course grade weight, a request to return to studies from RFRG (refused further registration) status, a request to retroactively withdraw without academic penalty from the session and a request to retroactively drop one course. In each case, the Committee did not find grounds for intervention.

One case was rescheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

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