



MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty Council of September 7, 2012

From: Professor Evan Bentz
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Date: August 28, 2012

Re: Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Board to Faculty Council for the Period of September 2011 to September 2012

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 (AAB), the Board has considered fourteen appeals on decisions from the Committee on Examinations; ten appeals to petitions for consideration on final examinations and four appeals to petitions for special consideration against Faculty policies.

In six appeals, the AAB found cause to intervene: granting two deferred exams, two retroactive withdrawals from one or all courses in a session, one adjustment to a student's probationary status and one aegrotat standing in a course. The AAB found no grounds to intervene in the remaining eight appeals and rendered a decision of "no action."

Respectfully submitted,

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