



To: Faculty Council

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Item: Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Board to Faculty Council for the period of December 2009 to September 2010

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 sixteen appeals on decisions from the Committee on Examinations; four appeals to petitions for consideration on final examinations and twelve appeals to petitions for consideration for special consideration against Faculty policies.

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

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