

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

PRESENTED BY: Terry Wotherspoon, Chair, Governance Committee

DATE OF MEETING: October 21, 2021

SUBJECT: **Number of student appeals from 2020-2021**

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The governance committee requested that the University Secretary, as a matter of course, report on the nature and number of student appeals under Council's regulations on Student Appeals in Academic Matters, as well as appeals of decisions related to Academic Misconduct.

SUMMARY:

1. Student appeals in academic matters

From May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 there were four applications for appeals in academic matters that were submitted to the University Secretary. This compares to seven applications for appeals received from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. Of the four applications received, two went forward to an appeal board. One appeal was dismissed. One appeal was successful and the college was required to reconsider its decision about a student's standing in program taking into account the new evidence that was presented to the appeal board. Both of the applications for appeal that did not go forward to appeal boards were dismissed by the University Secretary as not meeting the allowable grounds of appeal.

2. Appeals of decisions related to academic misconduct

From May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 there were nineteen applications for an appeal of a decision of a college hearing board under the Student Academic Misconduct Regulations and five went forward to a hearing. This compares to nine applications for appeal received from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. Of the thirteen appeals that went forward to an appeal hearing, ten were dismissed by the appeal board and the decision of the original hearing board remained in effect. The appeal board supported three of the

appeal with the following results: in one case the appeal board overturned the decision and sanction imposed by the original hearing board; in another case, the appeal board ordered that a new hearing board be struck at the college level to re-hear the case; and in the final case, the appeal board supported the appeal on limited grounds but determined that the decision and outcomes remained appropriate. The six applications for appeals that did not go forward to an appeal board were dismissed by the University Secretary as not meeting the allowable grounds of appeal.

Under Council's regulations on student misconduct, allegations of academic misconduct are heard first at the college level.