

AGENDA ITEM NO: 9.6

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ITEM FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Roy Dobson, chair, Governance Committee

DATE OF MEETING: June 12, 2025

SUBJECT: **Number of student appeals from 2024-25**

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, 2024 to April 30, 2025 there were seven applications for appeals in academic matters that were submitted to the University Secretary. Three did not proceed to hearings as the applicants did not identify valid grounds of appeal. The remaining four appeals proceeded and were heard by a University Appeal Board. Three appeals were dismissed by the appeal board and in one case the appellant was successful.

There has been a marked increase in the number of appeals filed, as compared to the last number of years, as there were two applications for appeal in 2023-24 and two in 2022-23.

2. Appeals of decisions related to academic misconduct

From May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 there were fourteen applications for an appeal of a decision of a college hearing board under the Student Academic Misconduct Regulations. Of the fourteen applications received, only two proceeded before an appeal board. The remaining twelve were dismissed without a hearing as the applicants did not present valid grounds of appeal or the appeal was filed outside of the 30-day appeal period. Both appeals went forward to appeal boards were dismissed.

The number of appeals is comparable with last year; in 2023-24, there were fourteen applications for appeals of the decision of college-level hearing boards filed with the university secretary. There were just three applications for appeals of academic misconduct regulations in 2022-23.

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