

Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer Appeals

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Re: 2020/2021 Annual Report

The Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-Registration and Transfer Appeals define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Annually in January, the committee presents a report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Admission, Re-Registration and Transfer Appeals met fifteen times during 2020-2021: July 08, 2020, July 21, 2020, August 12, 2020, August 27, 2020, September 8, 2020, October 13, 2020, November 17, 2020, December 8, 2020, January 12, 2021, February 9, 2021, April 6, 2021, June 8, 2021 and June 22, 2021. A total of 34 student appeals were considered within this timeframe. One meeting was cancelled as there were no cases to review.

At the September 8, 2020 meeting, the committee considered revisions to their terms of reference. As policy proposals are now directed to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, the committee's terms and title were revised. These terms were approved at the October 2020 Senate meeting.

Undergraduate Appeals considered

There were 26 appeals from Undergraduate Admissions, of which 21 were allowed and 5 were dismissed. Of the Undergraduate Admissions appeals, the categories of appeal were as follows: 12 were below the high school admission cut-off, 14 were below the post-secondary admission cut-off, and 1 was considered under the Special Access Aboriginal category. Most appeals were submitted under the SCART Terms of Reference's specified grounds for "significant physical affliction or psychological distress;" this category includes issues around learning and attendance during COVID-

for "significant physical affliction or psychological distress" and included issues around learning and attendance during COVID-19.

To summarize, the committee reviewed 34 appeals from July 2020 to June 2021. Of these, 26 were allowed; 8 were dismissed. 12 of the 34 appeals were from International students and 1 appeal was from an Indigenous student.

Report from the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Graduate student appeals are reviewed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies' Associate Deans. Each case is submitted on behalf of the student by the academic unit. The appeal must contain appropriate justification for consideration by one of the Associate Deans of Graduate Studies, who exercise this authority on behalf of the Dean of Graduate Studies. Admission appeals submitted directly by applicants are not considered, and these students are advised to approach the academic unit as a preliminary step. Between July 2020 and June 2021, the Faculty .7 (f)1.1 (Gra).003 TcBDC

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