

Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) 2019-2020 Annual Report

The Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) submits the following Annual Report for 2019-2020.

1. Membership

The following individuals served on the SAC between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020:

Alex Brodsky	Faculty of Computer Science
Bill Foster	Faculty of Management
Farid Taheri	Faculty of Engineering
Grace Warner	Faculty of Health (on sabbatical until June 2020)
Patricia Manuel	Faculty of Architecture
Phillip Saunders	Faculty of Law
Teresa Cyrus	Faculty of Science
Vilis Nams	Faculty of Agriculture
Djordje Grujic	Faculty of Science

Dalhousie Student Union members:

Michael Davies-Cole
Nicole Raymer

2. Jurisdiction and Composition of the SAC

The SAC has jurisdiction to hear appeals by students from decisions at the Faculty level regarding a variety of academic issues, provided the appeal process within the Faculty has been exhausted, when there has been either an alleged omission to make a decision on an academic matter, or when there are alleged irregularities or unfairness in the application of academic regulations. The SAC also hears appeals of decisions made by the Senate Discipline Committee, as well as appeals of findings made pursuant to the Hazing Policy.

The SAC is comprised of faculty members, one from each Faculty of the university, and two student members appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union. One faculty member serves as Chair.

3. Caseload from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

There were nine notices of appeal received during this reporting period. Four appeals were received in 2019 and Five were received in 2020. All 9 appeals were heard before June 30, 2020.

Of the nine appeals heard by the committee this year, eight were academic appeal cases and one was a discipline appeal case. Of the academic appeal cases, five were denied and three were granted. The discipline appeal case was denied.

4. Summary of Appeals Over Past 4 Years:

a) Academic Appeals

Year	Appeals Pending at July 1	Appeals Received After July 1	Appeals Heard	Appeals Not Proceeding	Appeals Pending (June 30)
July 1/16 - June 30/17	0	0	2	1	1 (withdrawn)
July 1/17 - June 30/18	0	0	5 (includes 1 hazing appeal)	0	0
July 1/18 - June 30/19	0	0	2	0	0
July 1/19-June 30/20	0	1	8	0	0

b) Discipline Appeals

Year	Appeals Pending at July 1	Appeals Received After July 1	Appeals Heard	Appeals Not Proceeding	Appeals Pending (June 30)
Jul 1/16- June 30/17	1	0	0	0	0
July 1/17- June 30/18	0	0	1	0	0
July 1/18- June 30/19	0	0	1	0	0
July 1/19- June 30/20	0	0	1	0	0

5. Acknowledgements

As always, the staff at the University Secretariat provides excellent and professional support for the Committee and I would like to thank them. Thanks as well to the faculty and students who have served on the hearing panels.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Alex Brodsky
(Chair, 2019-2020)