

Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) 2025-2026 Annual Report

The Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) submits the following Annual Report for 2025-2026.

1. Membership

The following individuals served on the SAC between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026:

Alex Brodsky	Faculty of Computer Science
Sergey Ponomarenko	Faculty of Engineering
Patrice Cote	Faculty of Science
Rebecca Meagher	Faculty of Agriculture (sabbatical Jan 2026- June 2026)
Tanya Cook	Faculty of Dentistry
Ruben Zaiotti	Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences (sabbatical Jan 2026- June 2026)
Archie Kaiser	Faculty of Law
Jennifer Adams	University Libraries

Dalhousie Student Union members:

Maren Mealey	DSU representative
Elizabeth McGraw	DSU representative

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.

2. Caseload

There were 5 appeals received and 4 heard during this reporting period as outlined below. There was 1 academic appeal, and 4 discipline appeals. One discipline appeal is pending. There has been a decrease in the number of appeals for 2025-26 in comparison to 2024-25.

Appeals by year

	Academic Appeals	Discipline Appeals	Total
2025-26	1	4	5
2024-25	4	4	8
2023-24	4	8	12
2022-23	2	1	3

Discipline Appeals by Faculty and Outcome

Faculty	Allowed	Denied	Withdrawn	Remedies Granted (where applicable)
Computer Science	0	1	0	n/a
Arts & Social Sciences	0	1	0	n/a
College of Sustainability				PEND
Faculty of Management	0	1	0	n/a

Academic Appeals by Faculty and Outcome

Faculty	Allowed	Denied	Withdrawn	Remedies Granted (where applicable)
Medicine	0	1	0	n/a

5. Acknowledgements

I would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at the University Secretariat, and in particular Kara Miller and Bob Mann. Irrespective of the case load, Kara and Bob treat the students with compassion and respect, providing all opportunities for the students to be heard. Appreciation as well to all the faculty and students who have served on the hearing panels.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Brodsky", with a long, sweeping diagonal stroke extending from the end of the name towards the upper right.

Dr. Alex Brodsky
(Chair, 2025-26)