2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENATE REVIEW BOARD ACADEMIC

From September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012, the Senate Review Board Academic dealt with 28 appeals, of which 5 were outstanding at the end of the last reporting period and 23 were received during this reporting period. Of these, 6 remained outstanding at the end of this reporting period, while the remaining 22 cases were dispensed with in the following manner.

1) Under Jurisdiction, Item 1, in the Appeals to SRBA section of the policy on *Student Academic Appeals,* a student has the right to an oral hearing before SRBA if the appeal is against a finding that the student's conduct amounted to a "scholastic offence" and/or for relief against the penalty imposed by the Dean as a result of a "scholastic offence." During this reporting period, oral hearings were held in accordance with this section of the policy in the following 5 cases:

- 3 appeals were against a finding that the student's conduct amounted to a scholastic offence (or for relief against the penalty imposed).
    - 1 appeal related to a finding of plagiarism on an assignment and was referred back to the Faculty for reconsideration under the Policy on Scholastic Discipline. The Committee found significant procedural errors in the Faculty's handling of the case.
    - 2 appeals against a finding that the students had collaborated on an assignment were granted.

- 2 appeals were for relief against the penalty imposed for a scholastic offence. Both appeals were denied.

2) Under Jurisdiction, Item 2, in the Appeals to SRBA section of the policy, "a panel of SRBA, upon considering only the written application of the student, may in its discretion order that an oral hearing be scheduled, or deny the appeal. In making its decision, SRBA will consider the grounds and evidence provided in the Application for Hearing." The remaining 17 applications were reviewed under Item 2 with the following results:

- In 2 cases, a panel ordered that an oral hearing be scheduled, but in both cases, the appeal was withdrawn by the appellant before an oral hearing was held.

- In 15 cases, the appeal was dismissed without an oral hearing:

    - 11 appeals were against the requirement to withdraw from a program, from the University, or from an Affiliated University College.
    - 1 appeal was based on general marking or grading practices. [This appeal was also brought under the Policy on Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities, but SRBA determined that it did not have jurisdiction to hear the appeal under that Policy.]
    - 2 appeals were based on general marking or grading practices and also alleged bias at the decanal level.
    - 1 appeal was based on a failure to follow or properly apply a Senate regulation at the prior level, general marking or grading practices, failure to observe a procedural requirement and alleged bias at the decanal level.

During this reporting period, 2 procedural appeals to the President were filed. In both cases, no evidence of a procedural error on the part of SRBA was found and the appeal was denied.

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