

# THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA | OKANAGAN



## OKANAGAN SENATE SECRETARIAT

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## Annual Report on Committee Activities Senate Committee on Appeals of Standing and Discipline May 2009

### Committee Terms of Reference:

Delegated authority over the following by Senate:

- A) Appeals of student discipline decisions
- B) Appeals of academic standing decisions; and
- C) Appeals of promotion/advancement

The Committee shall allow an appeal where it is decided that the decision of the Faculty was arrived at through improper or unfair procedures, and that as a result, a wrong decision may have been arrived at; however, the Committee has no jurisdiction where the sole question raised in an appeal turns on the exercise of academic judgment by a Faculty Member. The decision of the Committee on an appeal is final.

For the complete Terms of Reference, please reference

<http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,53,106,0>

Since May of 2008, the Committee has heard two appeals. Appeals can be dismissed or allowed; both appeals were dismissed.

### Appeals Allowed:

1. The student appealed a failed standing for a course taken in the 2007/2008 academic year. The student requested that the Committee modify the Faculty's decision and allow a rewrite of the second mid-term examination. The appeal was dismissed and the Faculty's decision was upheld.
2. The student appealed a failed standing for a course taken in the 2007/2008 academic year. The student requested that the course be removed from the student's transcript on the basis that efforts were made to write a missed final exam. The appeal was dismissed and the Faculty's decision was upheld.

## **General Observations**

The Committee wishes to draw to the attention of faculty and departments the importance of following due process in all matters relating to student assessment, promotion and appeal; of maintaining scrupulous records of course requirements, grade schemes, and student performance; as well as drawing such regulations and requirements to the attention of students.

On behalf of the Committee

Respectfully Submitted,  
Prof. Neil Cadger  
Chair, Appeal of Standing and Discipline Committee

### **2008-2009 Committee Members:**

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