

Faculty of Graduate Studies Student Appeals Committee

The Student Appeals Committee is a Standing Committee of Faculty Council

Purpose:

The purpose of the Student Appeals Committee is to hear appeals from students regarding academic matters in accordance with procedures approved by the Faculty.

Membership:

Chair: One elected Faculty member with Regular Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, serving a three-year term.

Elected Voting Members: Six elected Faculty members with Regular Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, no fewer than four of whom hold tenured or tenure-track positions. Members serve a three-year term.

Student Voting Members: One Master's student, One PhD student.

Responsibilities:

The Student Appeals Committee:

- Forms Panels of three (two Faculty and one student) from among its members to hear student academic appeals from decisions or the refusal to make decisions made by a faculty member(s) or academic administrator regarding academic standards, or the application of other academic regulations where the student believes there has been unfairness in the decision or the refusal to make a decision.
- For greater certainty, the jurisdiction of the Student Appeals Committee does not extend to the following, each of which may be addressed through other processes within the University:
 - admissions decisions;
 - decisions relating to the awarding of a scholarship, award or bursary;
 - grade reassessments;
 - requests to waive an academic regulation on a compassionate basis;
 - allegations of academic or scholarly dishonesty;
 - allegations of non-academic misconduct;
 - allegations of discrimination (including Failure to provide reasonable accommodation); and
 - allegations of professional unsuitability.
- Through Its panels, conducts hearings as described above and makes decisions in relation to each appeal, all in accordance with appeals procedures approved by Faculty Council.

- Provides an Annual report of a summary nature to Faculty Council That maintains the confidentiality required of the appeals process, including not disclosing, directly or indirectly, the identity and outcome of individual appeals