

**Senate Appeals Committee (SAC)
2022-2023 Annual Report**

The Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) submits the following Annual Report for 2022-2023.

1. Membership

The following individuals served on the SAC between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023:

Alex Brodsky	Faculty of Computer Science
Cassandra Hanrahan	Faculty of Health
Farid Taheri	Faculty of Engineering (on sabbatical as of Dec 31, 2022)
Bill Foster	Faculty of Management
Tess Cyrus	Faculty of Science
Eric Rapaport	Faculty of Architecture & Planning
Phillip Saunders	Faculty of Law
Creighton Barrett	University Libraries
Yassine El-Hiani	Faculty of Medicine

Dalhousie Student Union members:

Sydney Keyamo	DSU representative
Phoenix Doucet-Bernard	DSU representative
Aparna Mohan	DSU representative (back up)

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 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

There were 8 appeals received during this reporting period as explained below. There were 3 academic appeals, 1 tenure & promotion appeal and 4 discipline appeals:

Tenure and Promotion appeal	Faculty of Medicine	Appeal Denied	Dec 2022
Denial of Natural Justice	Faculty of Science	Appeal Denied	Sept 2022
Unfair application of the policy relevant to academic progress and promotion	Faculty of Dentistry	Pending	

Denial of Natural Justice	Faculty of Medicine	Appeal on hold
Denial of Natural Justice Student Affairs (Discipline Appeal-Breach of Sexualized Violence Policy)	Appeal Denied	Oct 2022
Unfairness in the application of the relevant regulations regarding academic standards (Discipline Appeal)	Faculty of Computer Science	Pending
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3. 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 1/19-June 30/20	0	1	8	0	0
July 1/20-June 30/21	0	0	4	1 (withdrawn)	0
July 1/21-June 30/22	0	0	1	0	0
July 1/22-June 30/23	2	0	2	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)
July 1/19- June 30/20	0	0	1	0	0
July 1/20-June 30/21	0	0	2	0	0
July 1/21-June 30/22	0	0	0	0	0
July 1/22-June 30/23	3	0	1	0	0

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. The post-pandemic has seen a significant spike in the volume and seriousness of cases being handled by the Office of Senate Discipline and Appeals. Kara and Bob have managed the increased volume with characteristic responsiveness and efficiency. If the volume does not abate, additional resource may be required. Appreciation as well to all the faculty and students who have served on the hearing panels.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Brodsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dr. Alex Brodsky
(Chair, 2022-2023)