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

Aparnaa- 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 Faculty of Dentistry Pending

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,

Dr. Alex Brodsky (Chair, 2022-2023)