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**From:**  Jason Schwans, Chair 2017-2018 Academic Appeals Committee

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**Subject:** 2017-2018 Academic Year Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Committee

Thank you to all who served on the committee during the 2017-2018 academic year. The committee’s findings and recommendations are summarized below and in the following tables.

The committee reviewed 672 appeals during the 2017-2018 year, which was a 27% decrease from the previous year (924). The two largest appeal categories were Reinstatement appeals (318, 47%) and Disqualification appeals (109, 16%). The number of Reinstatement and Disqualification appeals, however, were 28% and 44% lower, respectively, compared to the previous academic year. Regarding disqualification, 109 students immediately appealed after their disqualification, of which 75 students were approved for one additional term of probation. A denied appeal results in the student remaining disqualified and needing to apply for Reinstatement for a future term. The committee received 318 Reinstatement appeals for the 2017-2018 academic year of which 125 were approved (39%).

Previous reports by the committee suggested a review of the Reinstatement policy to address that students who meet all Reinstatement criteria but have not attended through the College of Continuing and Professional Education during disqualification can be disqualified after their first term of reinstatement, despite earning successful grades and meeting competitive reinstatement criteria.

While the distribution of appeals in the different categories is similar to the previous academic year, the summary shows a marked decrease in the total number of appeals from the previous year. The following tables illustrate the total appeals granted or denied by category/per month. 375 (56%) of the total appeals received were granted and 213 (32%) were denied. Please note the “Pending/No Action” category (84, ~12%) includes appeals requiring additional information to be reviewed.

**Figure 1:** Breakdown of Appeals by Category



**Table 1:** Total appeals by category

 \*\*Disqualification and Reinstatement appeals were reviewed by a sub-committee of the Academic Appeals Committee.



**Table 2:** Total appeals by month