



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

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Subject: 2015-2016 Academic Year Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Committee

Thank you to all who served on the committee during the 2015-2016 academic year. The following are the committee's findings and recommendation.

The committee reviewed 951 appeals during the 2015-2016 year, which was a 68% increase from the previous year (565). This increase in appeals can be attributed to Reinstatement appeals, which were included in the 2015-2016 statistics. The two largest appeal categories were Reinstatement appeals (36%) and Disqualification appeals (27%).

Disqualification and Reinstatement Appeals

255 students appealed immediately after their disqualification, of which 141 appeals were approved. An approved disqualification appeal results in the student having one additional term to raise their GPA(s) to a 2.000. A denied appeal results in the student needing to apply for Reinstatement for a future term. The committee received 344 Reinstatement appeals, of which 157 were approved.

Recommendation

As noted in previous reports, the University's probation and disqualification policy would benefit from additional review and revision. For example, the current policy requires students who are reinstated to earn CSULB and Overall GPAs of 2.000 after their first term of enrollment. If their CSULB GPA deficit cannot be addressed after their first term back, even with successful grades, they are disqualified again. Disqualification results in future registration being dropped and the student needing to appeal for additional time to address their deficiency. This process is a burden on students who have already recently met rigorous reinstatement standards and earned successful grades their first term back.

The following tables illustrate the total appeals which were approved or denied by category/per month. 546 (57%) of the total appeals received were approved and 384 (40%) were denied.

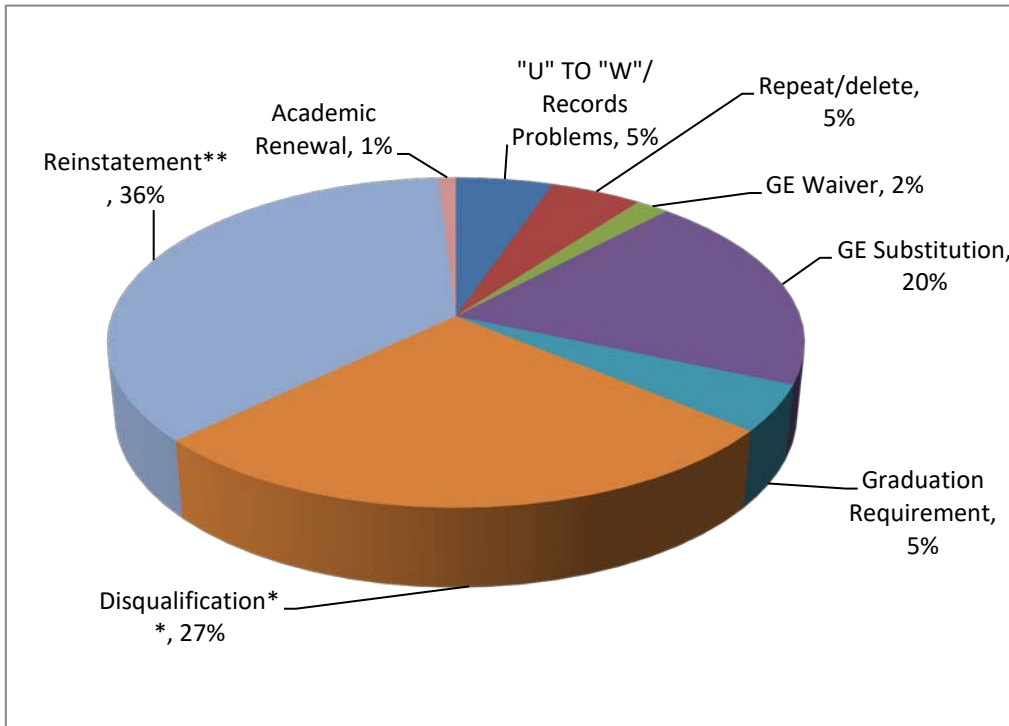


Figure 1: Breakdown of Appeals by Category

Category	Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		
'U' TO 'W'/Records Problems	24	22	4	50	'U' TO 'W'/Records Problems	5%
Repeat/delete	33	10	4	47	Repeat/delete	5%
GE Waiver	13	4	0	17	GE Waiver	2%
GE Substitution	142	34	10	186	GE Substitution	20%
Graduation Requirement	35	6	2	43	Graduation Requirement	5%
Disqualification**	141	114	0	255	Disqualification**	27%
Reinstatement	157	187	0	344	Reinstatement	36%
Academic Renewal	1	7	1	9	Academic Renewal	1%
Total	546	384	21	951	Total	100%

Table 1: Total appeals by category

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

JULY 2015					NOVEMBER 2015					MARCH 2016				
	Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total
"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	1	1	0	2	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	4	2	1	7	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	2	6		8
Repeat/delete	3		1	4	Repeat/delete				0	Repeat/delete				0
GE Waiver			0	0	GE Waiver	3	3		6	GE Waiver	1			1
GE Substitution	2	3	0	5	GE Substitution	24	4		28	GE Substitution	10	3	2	15
Graduation Requirement	3		0	3	Graduation Requirement	5			5	Graduation Requirement	2	1		3
Disqualification**	89	57	0	146	Disqualification**				0	Disqualification**				0
Reinstatement	116	113	0	229	Reinstatement				0	Reinstatement				0
Academic Renewal		1	1	2	Academic Renewal		3		3	Academic Renewal		1		1
TOTAL	214	175	2	391	TOTAL	36	12	1	49	TOTAL	15	11	2	28
AUGUST 2015					DECEMBER 2015					APRIL 2016				
	Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total
"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	1	1		2	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	1	1		2	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	7	1	1	9
Repeat/delete	3	5	1	9	Repeat/delete	3			3	Repeat/delete	3			3
GE Waiver	3			3	GE Waiver				0	GE Waiver	1			1
GE Substitution	21	2		23	GE Substitution	11	1		12	GE Substitution	18	8	4	30
Graduation Requirement	2			2	Graduation Requirement	1	1	1	3	Graduation Requirement	7	1		8
Disqualification**				0	Disqualification**				0	Disqualification**				0
Reinstatement				0	Reinstatement				0	Reinstatement				0
Academic Renewal				0	Academic Renewal				0	Academic Renewal				0
TOTAL	30	8	1	39	TOTAL	16	3	1	20	TOTAL	36	10	5	51
SEPTEMBER 2015					JANUARY 2016					MAY 2016				
	Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total
"U" TO "W" / Records Problems				0	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	1			1	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	1		1	2
Repeat/delete	5	3	1	9	Repeat/delete	2	1		3	Repeat/delete	2			2
GE Waiver	2	1		3	GE Waiver	2			2	GE Waiver	1			1
GE Substitution	21	2	1	24	GE Substitution	10	7		17	GE Substitution	1			1
Graduation Requirement				0	Graduation Requirement	3	2		5	Graduation Requirement	2			2
Disqualification**				0	Disqualification**	52	57		109	Disqualification**				0
Reinstatement				0	Reinstatement	41	74		115	Reinstatement				0
Academic Renewal				0	Academic Renewal	1	2		3	Academic Renewal				0
TOTAL	28	6	2	36	TOTAL	112	143	0	255	TOTAL	7	0	1	8
OCTOBER 2015					FEBRUARY 2016					JUNE 2016				
	Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total		Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total
"U" TO "W" / Records Problems	6	7		13	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems		2	1	3	"U" TO "W" / Records Problems		1		1
Repeat/delete	2			2	Repeat/delete	5	1	1	7	Repeat/delete	5			5
GE Waiver				0	GE Waiver				0	GE Waiver				0
GE Substitution	13		1	14	GE Substitution	10	3		13	GE Substitution	1	1	2	4
Graduation Requirement	3			3	Graduation Requirement	6		1	7	Graduation Requirement	1	1		2
Disqualification**				0	Disqualification**				0	Disqualification**				0
Reinstatement				0	Reinstatement				0	Reinstatement				0
Academic Renewal				0	Academic Renewal				0	Academic Renewal				0
TOTAL	24	7	1	32	TOTAL	21	6	3	30	TOTAL	7	3	2	12

Table 2: Total appeals by month