

## **Senate Appeals Committee**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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#### **Membership**

##### *Voting Members*

- Vice President, Academic + Provost (ex officio)
- Registrar / Secretary of Senate (ex officio)
- One (1) faculty member from each Faculty
- One (1) student from each Faculty
- One (1) Senate member
- One (1) Dean

##### *General*

Membership on the Committee will be for a two (2) year renewable term approved at the September meeting of the Senate, or as soon as possible after the beginning of the academic term.

##### *Voting*

Each member of the Appeals Committee shall have one vote.

##### *Resource Personnel (non-voting)*

- Director, Records, Registration + Advising, Student Services
- Any other member of the University Community whose expertise would be of benefit to the Committee, as appointed by, or by invitation of, the Chair of the Committee.

#### **Support**

Support for the Committee will be provided by the Executive Assistant to the Registrar.

#### **Chair**

The Registrar will be the Chair of the Committee.

#### **Authority and Mandate**

##### *General*

The Committee reports to Senate, and has the authority to make recommendations to the Senate.

The Committee shall arrange for the following to be completed and brought back to the Committee for review and recommendation to Senate, and from time to time review the policies and procedures to ascertain if they require updating and revising:

- 35.2(5)(k) set policies and procedures for appeals by students on academic matters and establish a final appeal tribunal for these appeals;

The Committee shall develop, review and advise the Board, and develop, review and advise the Senate on the following. The Committee shall receive advice from the Board on the preparation, review and recommendations from the Board on the following:

- 35.2 (6)(j) the adjudication procedures for appealable matters of student discipline

#### *Appeals*

To hear an appeal, an *Appeals Tribunal* shall be convened by the Chair of the Senate Appeals Committee according to the processes outlined in University policy *2.3.2 Adjudication Procedures for Appeals to the Senate Appeals Tribunal*.

#### **Appeals Tribunal**

To compose a Tribunal, the Chair will solicit volunteers from serving members of the Senate Appeals Committee; should there be more volunteers than required for any Tribunal, the Chair will determine the Tribunal composition based on the nature of the appeal under review.

Members of an Appeals Tribunal shall include:

- Registrar / Secretary of Senate, who shall serve as Chair (ex officio, non-voting)
- VP, Academic + Provost (ex officio)
- Two (2) students elected by and from the Senate Appeals Committee
- Two (2) faculty members elected by and from the Senate Appeals Committee
- Any other member of the University community whose expertise would be helpful for the Tribunal, at the invitation of the Chair.

Members must declare any conflict of interest issues prior to serving on a Tribunal.

In the event a Tribunal cannot be composed from the Senate Appeals Committee members for whatever reason, the Registrar shall notify the Chair of Senate, and alternate individuals will be requested from the current members of the Senate to serve on a temporary basis.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

Committee members must consider Emily Carr University policy *8.11 Conflict of Interest* and *8.11.1 Conflict of Interest Procedures* prior to any discussion that might constitute any real, potential or apparent conflict of interest.

#### **Ethical Principles for Appeals Tribunal Panel**

Members of the Appeals Tribunal shall be aware of, and abide by, Emily Carr University Policy *1.5.2 Ethical Principles for Appeal Panel*.

#### **Meetings**

Meetings will be at the call of the Chair, at minimum once per term. The Fall term meeting will be to orient new Committee members to the work of the Committee and the Tribunal process. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of 50% plus one of the eligible voting members.