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TO: UTM Academic Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 15

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report: Committee On Standing (COS), Office of the Registrar, 2024-25

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under section 5.7 of its terms of reference, the Academic Affairs Committee receives reports from its subcommittee on academic appeals.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. UTM Academic Affairs Committee [For Information] (April 28, 2026)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The annual report for 2023-24 was provided for information to the UTM Academic Affairs Committee on May 08, 2025.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The purpose of the information package is to inform the Academic Affairs Committee of the work of Committee on Standing (COS) specifically providing details concerning the focus of the work, the numbers of cases considered and the outcomes. It is not intended to create a discussion regarding individual cases or their specifics, as they were dealt with by a body, which was bound by due process and fairness. The COS reviews appeals for petitions decisions made by the Office of the Registrar.

The report covers the period between September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025

The report highlights the types of petitions assessed by the Office of the Registrar, totaling 10553 in the given period.

The COS met 9 times to review 177 appeals; 43 were granted and 134 were refused. In this academic year, 26 appellants submitted 61 appeals to the Academic Appeals Subcommittee in 9 AAS meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Annual Report: Committee On Standing, Office of the Registrar, 2024-25

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Prepared by: The Office of the Registrar

The University of Toronto Mississauga Office of the Registrar (OR) adjudicates petition requests on behalf of the Committee on Standing (COS) and coordinates the hearing of first appeals for refused petitions, which are brought before COS members. The committee is comprised of faculty members, the Dean of Student Affairs, and a current UTM student. The Registrar and Assistant Dean, Enrolment Management, serves as the Chair of COS.

Staff in the OR responsible for handling petition requests include the Assistant Registrar, Academic Standards and Petitions, and two Academic Standards and Petitions Coordinators. OR representatives attend COS hearings in a non-voting capacity. The Chair who may be called on to vote in the case of a tie following the vote of committee members.

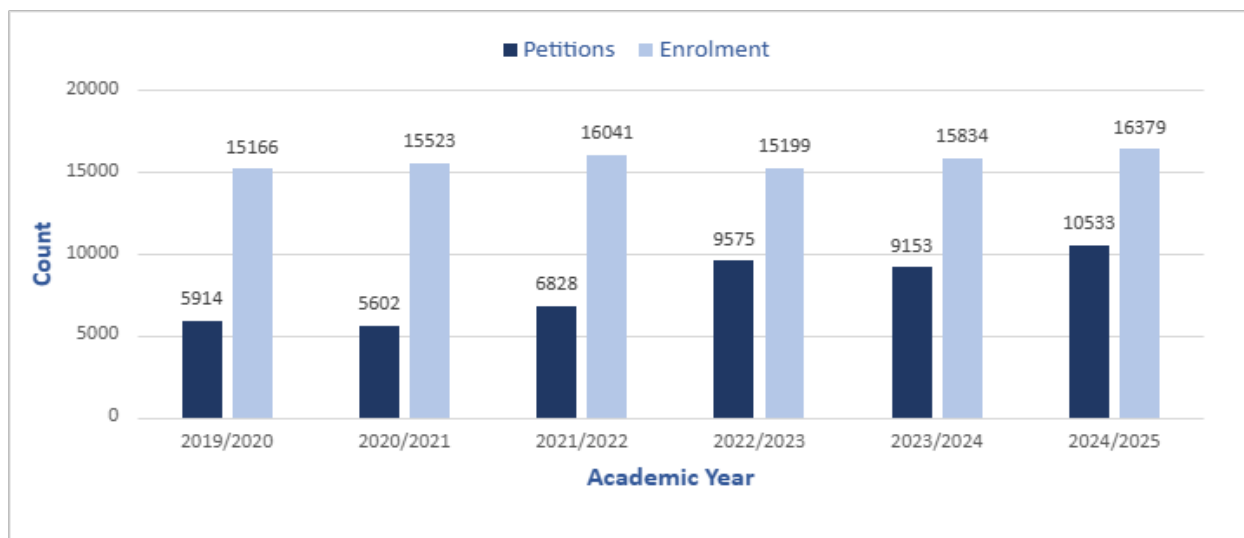
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Petitions and Committee on Standing - An Overview

- The OR processed 10553 petition requests on behalf of the COS in 2024-25.
- The most requested petition types are as follows:
 - 35.8% of all petitions were for First Deferral of Unwritten UTM Examinations
 - 13.8% of all petitions were for Late Withdrawal without Academic Penalty
 - 11.8% of all petitions were for Further Deferral of Unwritten UTM Examinations
 - 11.4% of all petitions were for Exception to Degree (examples include third attempts at a passed course, graduating with incomplete requirements, late applications of Credit-No Credit (CR/NCR) or Second Attempt for Credit (SAC).

The above categories were also the most requested petition types in 2023-24. Effective September 2025, a new policy allowed students a maximum of two deferrals following a missed final examination. It is anticipated that this will reduce the number of deferred exams.

Petitions Processed and Enrolment: 6-year Overview



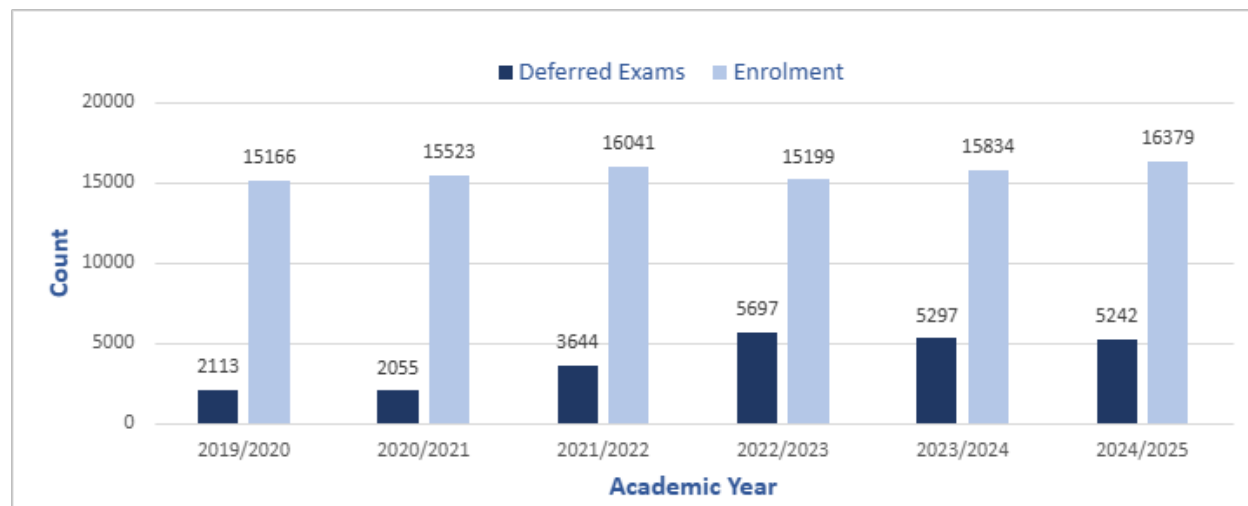
Petition Outcomes by Type: 2024-2025

Petition Type	Petitions	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Cancelled
Late withdrawal w/o academic penalty (WDR)	1461	564	871	0	26
Extension of Time	433	176	212	0	45
First deferral of examination	3778	3747	15	1	15
Further deferral of examination	1245	957	210	17	61
Deferrals of UTSC/SG exams	378	299	61	1	17
Lift of 1-year suspension	154	25	104	0	25
Lift of 3-year suspension	11	1	8	0	2
Early Return, 3-yr suspension	20	4	9	0	7
Lift of refused further registration	1	0	1	0	0
Exception to degree	1198	619	501	6	72
Late enrolment	641	280	327	0	34
Course overload	1167	700	297	21	149
Other	66	4	30	2	30
Total	10553	7376	2646	48	483

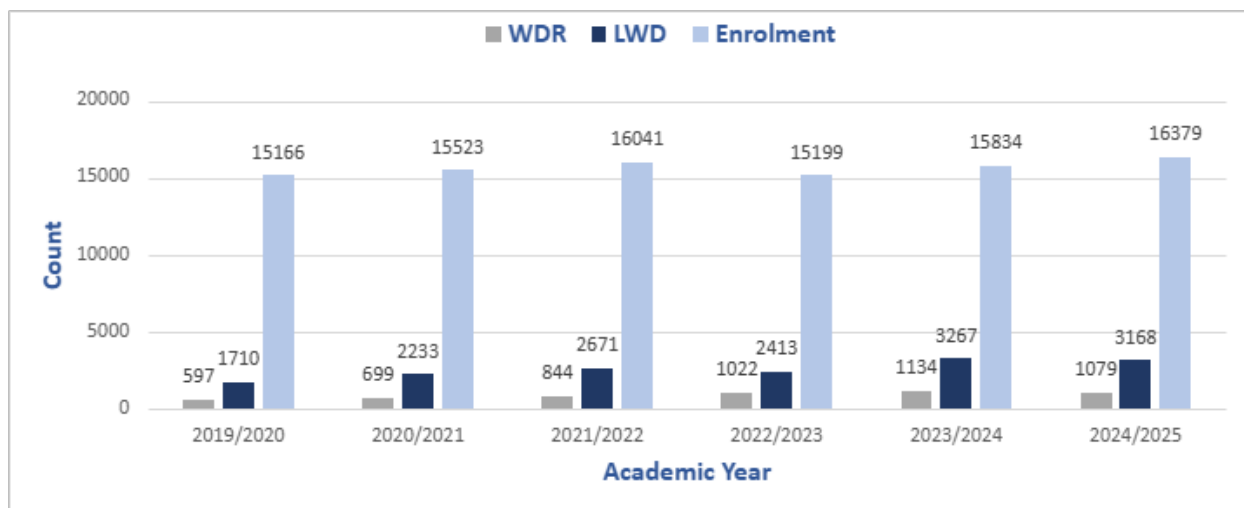
Regular and Deferred Exams

There were approximately 91,171 regular and deferred examinations prepared in 2024-2025 during the 5 exam periods (December, February, April, June, August). For the April 2025 regular exam period, approximately 40,617 students were scheduled to write both regular and deferred exams.

Deferred Exams and Enrolment: 6-year Overview



Late Withdrawal without Academic Penalty (WDR) and Late Withdrawal after the Drop Deadline (LWD): 6-year Overview



Note: In 2019-20, LWDs were not processed in large numbers due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the University's temporary changes in policy to accommodate students. During this time, the last day to drop an S or Y course from the academic record was extended to April 22, 2020.

Committee on Standing (COS) Cases

The COS will review a written appeal with new information (not presented in the original petition request) within 90 days of the original petition decision date. All appeals must be heard by the COS before the student can further appeal to the UTM Academic Appeals Subcommittee.

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Appeal Outcome by Type

COS Appeal Type	Appellants	Appeals	Appeals Granted	Appeals Refused	Appeals Deferred
WDR	39	102	34	68	0
Lift of suspension	19	19	2	17	0
Deferral of examination	13	29	6	23	0
Extension of time	7	11	1	10	0
Exception to degree & CR/NCR	14	16	0	16	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Late enrolment	0	0	0	0	0
Total	92	177	43	134	0

WDR = Late withdrawal without academic penalty

Lift of Suspension, includes 1-year, 3-year, and Refused Further Registration

CR/NCR = Credit/No-Credit