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TO: UTSC Academic Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Annual Report: 2025-26 Subcommittee on Academic Appeals

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.7 of the Terms of Reference of the University of Toronto Scarborough Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) provides that the Committee receives reports from the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **UTSC Academic Affairs Committee [For Information] (September 9, 2026)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The Annual Report: 2024-25 Subcommittee on Academic appeals was presented for information to the UTSC Academic Affairs Committee on October 16, 2025.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Subcommittee on Academic Appeals is a subcommittee of the UTSC Academic Affairs Committee and was established on September 10, 2013. The Subcommittee on Academic Appeals (SAA) considers appeals against the decisions of the Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC) on petitions from undergraduate students relating to exemption from an academic regulation. The Dean's Advisory Committee must hear all petitions before a student can appeal to the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals. The Dean's Advisory Committee plays an integral role in the early resolution process,

helping to reduce the number of appeals that are heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals. The year over year data below provides a view of the number of petitions filed by undergraduates at UTSC, the number of petition decisions heard by the Dean's Advisory Committee, and finally, the number of appeals heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals.

Number of petitions filed annually:

Academic Year (Sep 1- Aug 31)	# of Petitions Filed
2018-2019	3287
2019-2020	2394
2020-2021	2130
2021 -2022	2604
2022-2023	3523
2023-2024	4599
2024-2025	6034
2025-2026	6640

Number of undergraduate petitions reviewed by the Dean's Advisory Committee:

Year	# of petition decisions reviewed by DAC
2018 (calendar year)	10
2019 (calendar year)	7
2020 (calendar year)	12
2021 (calendar year)	9
2022 (calendar year)	7
2022-23 (academic year)	8
2023-24	22
2024-25	49
2025-26	75

Appeals heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals:

Academic Year (Sep 1 – Aug 31)	# of appeals heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals
2018-2019	1
2019-2020	0
2020-2021	1
2021-2022	2
2022-2023	2
2023-2024	0
2024-2025	7
2025-2026	10

Early resolution at the DAC results in the low number of appeals reviewed by the SAA. Students are referred to various services on campus to seek guidance on the appeals process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Presented for Information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

None.