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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 18 OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC APPEALS

October 2nd, 1975

To the Academic Affairs Committee,
University of Toronto

Your Subcommittee reports that it held a meeting on Thursday, October 2nd, 1975, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Faculty of Pharmacy, at which the following were present:

Professor J.B. Dunlop (In the Chair)
Mrs. M.A. Barten
Professor J.M. Bliss
Mr. J.E. Creelman
Dr. A.H. Hunt

Principal A.M. Kruger
Professor A.M. Wall
Mrs. Marija Hutchinson
Miss M. Salter (Secretary)

In Attendance:

Dean B. Etkin
Faculty of Applied
Science and Engineering

Mr. P.

Mr. J.A. Gow,
Assistant Dean and Faculty
Secretary,
Faculty of Applied Science
and Engineering

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN OPEN SESSION

1. Mr. P.

Mr. P., who had successfully completed his First Year in the Faculty of Management Studies in the Master of Business Administration programme, appealed to be awarded a B.A.Sc. degree. Obtaining the degree was a necessary condition of his being allowed to proceed into the Second Year of the M.B.A. programme.

Prior to entering the M.B.A. programme, Mr. P. had been a student in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. In the Spring term of his Fourth Year in 1974, between February and April, he suffered from a variety of illnesses which twice resulted in hospitalization. He insisted on being discharged from hospital earlier than his doctors recommended and was able to write all of his examinations but one, a half-course, ELE 441S. The average achieved on these examinations was 62%. The Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering required that Mr. P. repeat or replace ELE 441S and obtain a mark of at least 60 to complete the requirements for the degree.

Because of a conflict with the time-table in his M.B.A. course, Mr. P. was unable to repeat ELE 441S and instead chose ELE 445S, a course in Biomedical Engineering. Unfortunately, he obtained a mark of only 56 and thus did not satisfy the degree requirements.

After consideration of the documentary and oral evidence, it was noted that there was no regulation of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering precisely governing Mr. P.'s case and that the Examination Committee had in effect created one in requiring that Mr. P. repeat or replace ELE 441S and obtain a mark of 60%. If Mr. P. had written the examination in the Spring of 1974, even if he had done so poorly that his term average was less than 60%, he could have repeated or replaced the course and a mark of 56% would have been sufficient. Since he had been unable to write the examination by reason of illness, the Subcommittee felt that he should not be put in a worse position.

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The Subcommittee took a number of other factors into account also. Mr. P. had been unable to repeat ELE 441S because of a timetabling conflict and was required to take a different course. He had carried this course in addition to a full course load in the Faculty of Management Studies and he had performed very well in his Management Studies work.

YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED

THAT the appeal of Mr. P. against a decision of the Examination Committee of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering be allowed and that he be granted credit for the course ELE 445S, thus meeting the requirements for the degree of B.A.Sc.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

October 27th, 1975