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THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 21 OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC APPEALS

December 9th, 1975

To the Academic Affairs Committee,  
University of Toronto.

Your Subcommittee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, December 9th, 1975, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Faculty of Pharmacy, 19 Russell Street, at which the following were present:

Professor J.B. Dunlop (In the Chair)  
Mrs. M.A. Barten  
Mr. J.E. Creelman  
Professor J.W. Meakin

Professor George A. Reid  
Professor J.A. Sawyer  
Miss M. Salter (Secretary)

In Attendance:

Mr. L. and counsel  
Miss V. Alexander and  
Mr. J.K. McDonald  
Students' Legal Aid Society

Professor J.D. King  
Associate Dean  
Scarborough College

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Mr. L.

Mr. L. appealed to the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals from a decision of the Committee on Standing of Scarborough College refusing his petition to be allowed to register for the 1975-76 academic session. The decision is that the appeal should be allowed.

The evidence disclosed that an unfortunate set of circumstances had worked to Mr. L.'s disadvantage. Because of a poor academic performance in his first year in 1973-74, Mr. L. was placed on probation, but he was not notified of this until August 1974, because of a breakdown in the Scarborough College computer system. He therefore had no opportunity to write supplemental examinations in the courses he had failed.

In his second year in 1974-75, it was necessary for Mr. L. to obtain a grade of C or higher in two full courses and one half course in order to be removed from probation. Again, a computer malfunction caused a delay in reporting the marks. Since he had planned to return to Hong Kong during the summer for an eye operation, Mr. L. enquired about his marks in mid-July. He discovered that he had received a C in four half-courses and realised that he would be suspended. He then petitioned to write a special examination in ECO A01, a course he had failed in his first year. He had only one week to study for this examination and as it was more than a year since he had taken the course, this meant that he would be unlikely to be able to obtain the necessary C grade. His mark on the examination was 51%, but he was not notified of this in Hong Kong and returned to discover that he had been suspended.

Pending the outcome of his appeal, he had been taking courses at Scarborough College, although he was not registered. His instructors indicated that he was performing adequately.

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1. Mr. L. (Cont'd.)

Because of all the difficulties encountered by Mr. L. through no fault of his own, the Subcommittee felt that he was entitled to special consideration. The Subcommittee agreed, therefore, that Mr. L.'s suspension should be lifted and that he should continue on probationary status to the end of the academic year 1975-76.

YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED

THAT the appeal of Mr. L. from a decision of the Committee on Standing of Scarborough College be allowed, that his suspension be lifted and that he be permitted to continue on probationary status to the end of the academic year 1975-76.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Secretary  
January 9th, 1976

Chairman