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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 22 OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC APPEALS

December 17th, 1975

To the Academic Affairs Committee,
University of Toronto.

Your Subcommittee reports that it held a meeting on Wednesday, December 17th, 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 V.E. Graham
Professor A. Murray Hunt

Professor A.M. Kruger
Professor J.A. Sawyer
Mr. Byron E. Wall
Professor A.M. Wall
Miss M. Salter (Secretary)

In Attendance

Mr. N.H. Dobbs
Assistant Registrar
Scarborough College

Professor R.H. Farquharson
Associate Dean
Faculty of Arts and Science

Professor J.D. King
Associate Dean
Scarborough College

Miss M. and Counsel
Mr. Jack Miller
Students' Legal Aid Society

Mr. R. and Counsel
Mr. George Vella
Students' Legal Aid Society

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Miss M.

Miss M. appealed to the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals from a decision of the Committee on Standing of Scarborough College refusing her petition to take four courses on the St. George Campus. The Subcommittee heard the appeal on December 17th, 1975. The decision is that the appeal should be allowed.

The evidence disclosed that Miss M. has had surgery on her knee, is in a cast and must walk with the assistance of crutches. She must take therapy every day at the Mount Sinai Hospital and travelling back and forth to Scarborough would, in the circumstances, be extremely awkward. The Committee on Standing was prepared to permit Miss M. to take three courses on the St. George Campus instead of the usual two but held that it did not have the power to grant more than one extra course on the St. George Campus. This, however, is a rule that has been adopted by the Committee on Standing and is not a by-law or regulation imposed on the Committee by the Scarborough Council or by any other University authority. The Subcommittee on Academic Appeals considers, therefore, that exceptional circumstances justified departing from the rule.

YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED

THAT the appeal of Miss M. from a decision of the Committee on Standing of Scarborough College be allowed, and that she be permitted to take four courses on the St. George Campus.

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2. Mr. R.

Mr. R. 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 take COM 300 on the St. George Campus during the academic year 1975-76. The Subcommittee on Academic Appeals heard the appeal on December 17th, 1975. Its decision is that the appeal should be allowed.

The evidence disclosed that Mr. R. had previously been informed by the Committee on Standing that he could take no further courses on the St. George Campus until he had obtained standing in as many Scarborough as St. George courses. However, Mr. R. had also been informed, at the start of this academic year, by Mr. Neil Dobbs of Student Services, who had forgotten about the condition imposed by the Committee on Standing, that he could enrol in the St. George course and Mr. R. acted on this advice. Mr. R. wished to take COM 300, because it is a course recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Had Mr. Dobbs remembered the condition and told Mr. R. he could not take COM 300, Mr. R. would have followed one of two different courses of action open to him at the time. He would have enrolled at Woodsworth College so as to be allowed to take COM 300 or he would have enrolled at Scarborough but registered in a course open to him at York University that is recognized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. In a sense, therefore, Mr. R. acted to his detriment in relying on the advice of Mr. Dobbs unless the College was prepared to stand behind that advice. In the view of the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals this justified a decision not to hold Mr. R. to the condition imposed.

YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED

THAT the appeal of Mr. R. from a decision of the Committee on Standing of Scarborough College be allowed and that he be permitted to take COM 300 on the St. George Campus during the academic year 1975-76.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary
January 9th, 1976

Chairman