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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 56 OF THE ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

February 22nd, 1980

To the Academic Affairs Committee,  
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it held a meeting on Friday,  
February 22nd, 1980 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room, Medical Sciences  
Building, at which the following were present:

Professor R.J. Sharpe (In the Chair)  
Ms. Beverley A. Batten  
Professor Margaret C. Cahoon  
Mrs. Frances Jones

Professor J.T. Mayhall  
Mr. Thomas H. Simpson  
Professor Victor G. Smith  
Miss M. Salter, Secretary

In Attendance:

Mr. B.

Professor Ann Miller  
Faculty of Education

Professor W.G. London  
Associate Dean  
Faculty of Education

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

1. Mr. B.

At a meeting on February 22nd, 1980, the Academic Appeals Board heard the appeal of Mr. B. from a decision of the Divisional Appeals Committee, dismissing an appeal from a decision of the Faculty of Education Appeals Committee, denying Mr. B's appeal against two failures given him in practice teaching sessions in 1979. During his year, Mr. B. had a total of five practice teaching sessions. In the first three, he was awarded grades of C in each, and in his final two sessions, the subject of this appeal, he was given grades of F. As a result, although Mr. B's net mark for professional practice was a passing grade of D, his cumulative points total in the Faculty of Education grading scheme was insufficient, and he failed his year.

Mr. B's contention was that the two high school practice teaching associates, who were responsible for assigning the grades in the two practice teaching sessions in question, vindictively evaluated his performance. Mr. B. contended that there had been a scheme to fail him on the part of the two associates, with the subtle cooperation of the Faculty of Education lecturer in the subject in question, English as a Second Language, Professor Laird.

In the view of the Board, Mr. B. failed to substantiate this very serious allegation against the two practice teaching associates and Professor Laird. Having read all the materials submitted and having heard Mr. B. put forth his own case in person, the Board does not consider that there is any basis in fact for making a finding in Mr. B's favour. While there may have been an element of conflict between Mr. B. and Professor Laird and the practice teaching associates, the Board could find no support for the allegation of vindictive and malicious conduct on the part of these individuals.

Accordingly, it is the view of the Board that Mr. B's appeal should be dismissed.

Appeal dismissed.

Secretary  
March 14th, 1980

Chairman

