

REPORT NUMBER 80 OF THE ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

January 6th, 1984

To the Academic Affairs Committee,  
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it held meetings on Friday, January 6th, 1984, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room, Medical Sciences Building, at which the following were present:

Professor J.B. Dunlop (In the Chair)	Mrs. J.R. Randall
Ms. L. Dunn	Professor V.G. Smith
Professor R. Manzer	
Professor J. Percy	Ms. Irene Macpherson
	Governing Council Secretariat

In Attendance

Mr. <i>P.</i> and counsel	Mrs. G. Currie
Mr. Stephen R. Hastings	Registrar, Scarborough College

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

MR. P.

At a meeting on January 6th, 1984 the Academic Appeals Board heard the appeal of *MR. P.* from a decision of the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals of Scarborough College refusing to defer his suspension for one year. The decision of the Board is that the matter should be referred to the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals for further consideration.

The appellant enrolled in Scarborough College in September of 1980. At the end of his second year he was put on academic probation because his cumulative grade point average fell below the requisite 1.50 to 1.21. He could have cleared probation in his third year by raising his cumulative GPA to 1.50 or better. In fact, he raised it to 1.40. He would have been entitled to continue on probation if he had achieved a sessional GPA of 2.00 or better. In fact, he achieved a sessional GPA of 1.83. Thus, he incurred suspension for one year.

The appellant sought to have the suspension deferred on the grounds that (1) in his second year a bout of mononucleosis and his defeat in the election for Students' Administrative Council had contributed to his poor standing in that year and (2) that serious illness suffered by his grandmother over a two-month period in the spring of his third year had affected his ability to clear probation.

The Scarborough Subcommittee had heard the appeal on September 16th, 1983. On that date the official transcript showed that the appellant had a sessional GPA of 1.62 and a cumulative GPA of 1.35. Subsequently a decision was made to allow the appellant to remove a course from his transcript on the basis of a registration error so that the sessional and cumulative grade point averages were increased to 1.83 and 1.40 respectively. It is the view of the Board that it would, in the circumstances, have been appropriate for the appellant to seek a reconsideration by the Subcommittee on the basis of changed circumstances and in the opinion of the Board the matter should be referred to the Subcommittee for the purpose. It is the Board's understanding that both the Scarborough Committee on Standing and the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals have discretionary powers and the Board believes they have a feeling for the practice in this regard not possessed by the Board.

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The matter is thus referred to the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals for further consideration.

Secretary  
January 24th, 1983

Chairman