UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
ITEM FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Stephen Urquart; Chair, governance committee
DATE OF MEETING: June 18, 2020
SUBJECT: Number of student appeals from 2019/20

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:
The governance committee requested that the University Secretary, as a matter of course, report on the nature and number of student appeals under Council's regulations on Student Appeals in Academic Matters, as well as appeals of decisions related to Academic Misconduct.

SUMMARY:

1. Student appeals in academic matters

From May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 there were seven applications for appeals in academic matters that were submitted to the University Secretary. This compares to four applications for appeals received from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. Of the seven applications received, five went forward to an appeal board. Two of the appeals were successful on limited grounds and three were dismissed. Both of the applications for appeal that did not go forward to an appeal board were dismissed by the University Secretary as not meeting the allowable grounds of appeal.

2. Appeals of decisions related to academic misconduct

From May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 there were nine applications for an appeal of a decision of a college hearing board under the Student Academic Misconduct Regulations and five went forward to a hearing. This compares to three applications for appeal received from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. Of the five appeals that went forward to an appeal hearing, one was successful on limited grounds and a portion of the sanctions imposed by the original hearing board was overturned. The four applications for appeals that did not go forward to an appeal board were dismissed by the University Secretary as not meeting the allowable grounds of appeal.

Under Council's regulations on student misconduct, allegations of academic misconduct are heard first at the college level.