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<b>DATE:</b>	October 12, 2023 for October 19, 2023
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	October 12 for October 19, 2023

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Annual Report: 2022-23 Subcommittee on Academic Appeals

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Section 5.7 of the Terms of Reference of the USTC Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) provides that the Committee receives reports from the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals.

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

**1. UTSC Academic Affairs Committee [For Information] (October 19, 2023)**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The Annual Report: 2021-22 Subcommittee on Academic appeals was presented for information to the UTSC Academic Affairs Committee on September 12, 2022.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Subcommittee on Academic Appeals is a subcommittee of the UTSC Academic Affairs Committee and was established on September 10, 2013. The Subcommittee on Academic Appeals (SAA) considers appeals against the decisions of the Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC) on petitions from undergraduate students relating to exemption from an academic regulation. The Dean's Advisory Committee must hear all petitions before a student can appeal to the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals. The Dean's Advisory Committee plays an integral role in the early resolution process, helping to reduce the number of appeals that are heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals. The year over year data below provides a view of the number of petitions filed by undergraduates at UTSC, the number of petition decisions

heard by the Dean’s Advisory Committee, and finally, the number of appeals heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals.

**Number of petitions filed annually:**

<b>Academic Year (Sep 1- Aug 31)</b>	<b># of Petitions Filed</b>
<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>2643</b>
<b>2017 - 2018</b>	<b>2812</b>
<b>2018 - 2019</b>	<b>3287</b>
<b>2019 - 2020</b>	<b>2394</b>
<b>2020 - 2021</b>	<b>2130</b>
<b>2021 - 2022</b>	<b>2604</b>
<b>2022-2023 (up to August 23)</b>	<b>3523</b>

The increase in petitions in 2022-2023 has primarily been due to deferred examination requests. Increased deferred examination requests is being seen as a trend across all three campuses.

**Number of undergraduate petition decisions reviewed by the Dean’s Advisory Committee:**

<b>Calendar Year (Jan 1 -Dec 31)</b>	<b># of petition decisions reviewed by DAC</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2023 (up to August 23)</b>	<b>6</b>

**Appeals heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals:**

<b>Academic Year (Sep 1 – Aug 31)</b>	<b># of appeals heard by the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals</b>
2015-16	2
2016-17	3
2017-18	1
2018-19	1
2019-20	0
2020-21	1
2021-22	2
2022-23	2

The data provided indicates that while the number of petitions is high, the number of cases that require adjudication by the DAC or the SAA are very low. Early resolution at the DAC results in the low number of appeals reviewed by the SAA. Students are referred to various services on campus to seek guidance on the appeals process.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Presented for Information.

**DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

None.