

## **SENATE APPEALS COMMITTEE (SAC)**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Senate Appeals Committee is to hear student academic appeals from Faculty level decisions and to hear student discipline appeals from the Senate Discipline Committee in accordance with the jurisdiction and procedures established by Senate.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Elected Voting Members**

One member from each Faculty, one of whom shall be elected to be Chair by the members of the Committee.

2. **Student Voting Members**

2 student members appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union, who are not members of the Senate Discipline Committee.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Senate Appeals Committee is responsible for:

1) **Student appeals**

- a) Forming panels from among its members to hear academic appeals commenced by students in relation to Faculty-level decisions (or failures to make a decision) in accordance with the jurisdiction and procedures established by Senate;
- b) Forming panels from among its members to hear appeals by students of decisions made by the Senate Discipline Committee in relation to academic and non-academic misconduct in accordance with the jurisdiction and procedures established by Senate; and
- c) Through its panels, conducting the hearings described in section 1 (a) and (b), above.

2) **Training**

- a) Meeting a minimum of once annually to receive training concerning the jurisdiction and procedures established by Senate for this Committee, the proper conduct of a hearing, and other relevant legal principles (for new members, attendance being mandatory); and
- b) Meeting more frequently as required to review its operation or to address emerging policy issues as required from time to time.

3) **Reporting**

Reporting annually to Senate concerning the work of the Committee and the decisions of Hearing Panels convened during the year.