



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

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Subject: 2019-2020 Academic Year Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Committee

The Academic Appeals Committee (AAC) met twice each month monthly during the 2019-2020 year, reviewing 893 appeals in total. The number of appeals is up from the 2018-2019 year (756 appeals), but still lower than 2016-2017 (924 appeals).

The largest category of appeals reviewed by this committee in 2019-2020 was disqualification, which accounted for nearly half (48%) of all cases. Reinstatement accounted for a quarter (26%) of appeals before this committee, followed by GE substitution (11%). Each of the remaining categories contributed relatively small numbers to the overall caseload, including: repeat/delete (5%), withdrawals/records problems (3%), graduation requirements (3%), academic renewal (1%), GE waiver (1%), and graduate appeals (2 cases, <.3%).

The committee heard 430 disqualification appeals in 2019-2020, up from 317 the previous year. In total, 314 were approved and 166 denied, and the comparatively high approval rate for the academic year was due in part to consideration for reasonable accommodation, e.g. allowing sufficient time to raise GPA following a single high-unit semester of poor grades early in the academic career, or facilitating student connection with BMAC, CAPS, or other services once collateral issues relating to the disqualification were identified. Of the 236 reinstatement appeals, 99 (42%) were successful, 75 (32%) were unsuccessful, and 62 (26%) are pending/no action taken.

This distribution of appeals for 2019-2020 is similar to that of previous years. Overall, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of all cases are in the categories of disqualification and later reinstatement; however, in the current year, there are slightly more for disqualification/slightly less for reinstatement compared to the previous term. Of the 893 appeals heard by the committee in AY 2019-2020, 552 were granted, yielding an approval rate of about 62%, up from 58% the prior year. As was the case in the previous year, the busiest month for this committee was January, with 317 cases. This is a result of a subcommittee meeting over the break to review reinstatement appeals for fall 2019 (and the committee also met for regularly scheduled appeals in January). June was the lightest month for this committee, with 8 actions before the committee at our final meeting.

Figure 1: Breakdown of appeals by category:

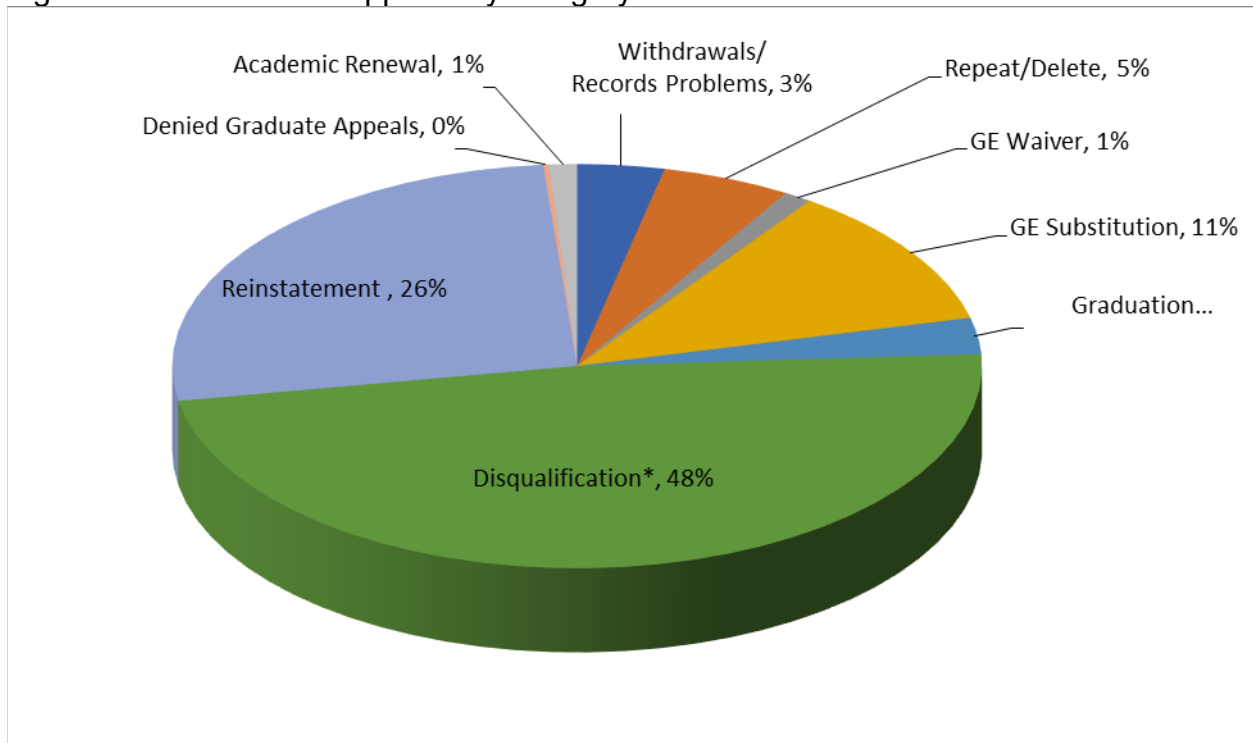


Figure 2: Total appeals by category:

Grand Totals	Granted	Denied	Pending/ No Action	Total	Percentages	
Withdrawals/ Records Problems	19	6	6	31	Withdrawals/ Records Problems	3%
Repeat/Delete	27	12	7	46	Repeat/Delete	5%
GE Waiver	8	1	1	10	GE Waiver	1%
GE Substitution	66	9	27	102	GE Substitution	11%
Graduation Requirement	17	6	3	26	Graduation Requirement	3%
Disqualification*	314	116	0	430	Disqualification*	48%
Reinstatement	99	75	62	236	Reinstatement	26%
Denied Graduate Appeals	2	0	0	2	Denied Graduate Appeals	0%
Academic Renewal	0	8	2	10	Academic Renewal	1%
Total	552	233	108	893	Total	100%