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MEMORANDUM

To: President Eli Capilouto
From: Julia Field Costich, Chair/Hearing Officer
Re: Report for 2022-2023

This is a summary of the activities of the University Appeals Board during the 2022-2023 UAB year (August 2022-August 2023). During this period the Board handled 65 cases, a noteworthy increase over the typical year load of 26. There were 56 appeals from the Ombud's decisions compared with 35 last year. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Ombud Dr. Alice Turkington and Associate Ombud Laura Anshel as well as Dean of Students Clement-Montgomery and her staff. Former Chair Professor Joe Fink provided invaluable guidance during my first year as his successor. The members of the Board did remarkable work handling these cases with thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and fairness. Bases for appeals cited by the appellants were:

Academic Appeals (N = 56)

Retroactive withdrawal [S.R. 6.2.1.1]	12
Allegation of cheating or plagiarism [S.R. 6.4.3]	16
Appeals of academic rights [S.R. 6.5.1.2]	22
Academic Ombud has determined the case lacks merit [S.R. 6.2.1.3]	6

Student Code Appeals

Code of Student Conduct Violations	3
Interim Suspensions	6

Outcomes:

In the 56 academic cases, the appeal was upheld in 36 (including all 12 retroactive withdrawal appeals) and denied in 20.

In the nine disciplinary cases, the appeal was upheld in part in one and denied in part or in whole in 7. Two appeals were withdrawn on the day of the hearing.

Please let me know if you have any questions about these activities. I hope this information is helpful.

c: Provost DiPaola
Vice President Turner
Academic Ombud Turkington
Senate Council Chair Collett
Members of the University Appeals Board