

University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture
Department of Landscape Architecture

Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee
Thomas J. Nieman PhD, Chair

Year End Report Fall 2010 - Spring 2011

Appeals submitted	78
Appeals approved	64
Appeals denied	11
Appeals tabled	3 - requesting additional information or clarification

Basis of appeals request and generalized rationale

Medical	41 - broad range - e.g., injury, illness, pregnancy, depression, ADHD, etc.
Financial	6 - lost job, family could no longer support, etc.
Personal	8 - domestic abuse, fire, adjustment to college life
Administrative Issue	2 - Dropped all courses but one and never got other course dropped
Legal	2 - Some issue with law, arrest, jail time, etc
Family	3 - Family had problems which required the student's involvement
Military	2 - Called up to duty

Partial Appeal	3 - Request to be allowed to keep certain courses within the semester of the appeal - e.g., because of depression could not attend morning classes but did OK in the late afternoon
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No Documentation	2 - Could not document that they actually had the illness that they cited as the basis of the request - No diagnosis
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Info. not Available	6 - Do not have a specific reason listed for the denial
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Multiple appeals	15 - Mostly involved multiple semesters
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Request for time waiver - those who wished to make an appeal but were outside the two year window for appeals

Approved	2 - both for medical reasons
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Denied	1- wanted to improve GPA
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There were 78 appeals this year compared to 93 last year - a 22 percent decrease.. At that time we were concerned that cases were being passed on to us that could have or should have been handled within the college impacted. As a result of working more closely with the college administrators we have developed a much better working relationship - thus the decrease in appeals.

In 2009 - 2010 the majority of the appeals were for financial reasons of one type or another.

In 2010 - 2011 the majority of the appeals were for medical reasons, with financial dropping back to a considerable degree.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Nieman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas J Nieman, Ph D, Chair
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