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To: Okanagan Senate

From: Admissions and Awards Committee

Subject: 2010/11 Annual Report: Appeals on Applications for Admission and Readmission to Programs (information)

Pursuant to section 37(1) (b) of the *University Act*, the Okanagan Senate has delegated to the Admissions and Awards Committee the power to hear final appeals on applications for admission and readmission to the University. The Committee serves as the mechanism for student appeals of faculty decisions under Section 40(g) of the *Act*.

Between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011, the Admissions and Awards Committee heard 17 student appeals for admission to a degree program. Appeals can be allowed (and the student admitted) or dismissed. Of the appeals heard by the Committee, 9 were allowed and 8 were dismissed.

As follows:

- 3 to the Bachelor of Applied Science, Okanagan Campus (2 allowed, 1 dismissed)
- 8 to the Bachelor of Arts (5 allowed, 3 dismissed)
- 3 to the Bachelor of Science (1 allowed, 2 dismissed)
- 1 to the Bachelor of Human Kinetics (1 allowed, none dismissed)
- 2 to the Bachelor of Management (none allowed, 2 dismissed)

(For comparison purposes, in 2009/10 the Committee heard a total of 10 appeals: 5 were allowed and 5 were dismissed.)

The Committee would like to note that on average it commits approximately thirty minutes to each appeal considering carefully the broader context and the merits of each

unique case. The Committee maintains detailed records of each appeal and reviews these annually alongside the progress of students admitted to ensure both consistency and wisdom in its decision-making.

For the Committee,
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