1. For scholastic offence appeals, a student has the right to an oral hearing before SRBA if the appeal is against a finding that the student's conduct amounted to a "scholastic offence" and/or for relief against the penalty imposed by the Dean as a result of a "scholastic offence".

2. For other appeals, a student may apply for an oral hearing before SRBA in the following circumstances:

a. the student alleges that there has been a failure to follow, or to properly apply, a Senate regulation; or b. the Dean's decision requires the student to withdraw from a program, from the University or from an Affiliated College; or

c. the appeal is against general marking or grading practices; or

d. the appeal is against a Dean's decision made with respect to the Policy on Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities.

A panel of SRBA, upon considering only the written application of the student (see Application for Hearing,

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Further Appeals

SRBA is the final level of academic appeal in the University; its decisions in substantive matters, and decisions as to jurisdiction and whether it will hear an appeal, are final. The Chair of Senate (i.e., the President & Vice-Chancellor) will entertain appeals against decisions of SRBA only when a party alleges a serious procedural error by SRBA. An appeal to the Chair of Senate must be filed in writing within two weeks of the date of the Notice of Decision of SRBA. After inviting written arguments from the parties, the Chair of Senate may order that the matter be re-heard by SRBA if the Chair of Senate is satisfied that, as a result of a serious procedural error by SRBA, the parties did not have an opportunity to present their case in accordance with the Procedure at Hearings (below) and it could not be said that the parties had been accorded a fair hearing.

Decisions which are appealed to the Chair of Senate remain in full force and effect until the appeal is disposed of by the Chair of Senate.

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- 8. Cross-examination of the appellant by the Faculty representative, followed by guestions from SRBA members.
- 9. Re-examination of the appellant, if desired, on any new matters brought out in cross examination. (The procedure in 7, 8 and 9 is followed for the appellant and witnesses. The order of presentation is at the appellant's discretion.)
- 10. Reply evidence by the Faculty, if desired, on any new matters raised by the appellant.
- 11. Cross-examination of reply witness, followed by guestions from SRBA members.
- 12. Summary remarks by the appellant.
- 13. Summary remarks by the Faculty.
- Where the student does not contest the allegations of a scholastic offence, but appeals against the sanction(s) imposed, the order of proceedings will be those set out in section "A" above.

Scholastic offences are set out in Senate policy (see Scholastic Discipline in the "Academic Rights and Responsibilities" section of the Calendar). The Faculty is required, in cases of this type, to present its case first in order to ensure that the SRBA has a full understanding of the nature and extent of the allegations against the student prior to the student presenting his or her case.

Where an appeal falls under the Policy on Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, the onus is on the Faculty to show why the suggested accommodation would compromise the academic integrity of the course; thus, the order of proceedings will be that set out in section "B" above.

Where the appeal concerns allegations of a breach of other University policies such as the Policy and Procedures for the Conduct of Research which are contested by the appellant, the order of proceedings will be that set out in section "B" above. Where the student does not contest the allegations of a breach, but appeals against the sanction(s) imposed, the order of proceedings will be that set out in section "A" above.

C. ADJOURNMENTS

An adjournment of the hearing may be ordered by the Chair when necessary. Convenience to the parties and to the members of SRBA will be considered by the Chair in ordering an adjournment or setting a date for resumption of the hearing but the paramount consideration will be the provision of a fair hearing. In successive sessions, the original SRBA members must constitute a quorum.

D. EXPEDIENCE

An effort should be made to limit the presentation of non-contentious facts and arguments to the SRBA.

Related policies and Notes : The Graduate Appeal Application form: https://grad.uwo.ca/doc/academic_services/appeal/appeal_SGPS_form.pdf

The link to the Ombudsperson's website is <u>http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/</u> Scholastic Discipline – Graduate Students: <u>http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf</u>

SRBA Appeal Application form http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/SRBA_Application.pdf

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