

Recruitment for Faculty and Student Members for the Senate Appeals Committee (SAC)

Students and Faculty: The Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) is the final level to consider grade and standing appeals for students (Policy 134 for Undergraduate courses/standings and Policy 152 for Graduate courses/standings before Fall 2020, and Policy 168 for all courses/standings Fall 2020 onwards). It also considers cases regarding non-academic conduct (Policy 61) and is the final level of appeal for academic misconduct cases (Policy 60). SAC members work in three-person panels consisting of two faculty members and a student, all of whom are trained by the Senate Office, to hear student appeals of cases involving final course grades and standings, findings of academic misconduct, and to adjudicate penalty hearings in cases of very serious misconduct. In non-academic conduct cases, SAC members work in four-person panels consisting of three faculty members and a student, all of whom are trained by the Senate Office. SAC members must be comfortable asking questions at hearings, deliberating with other panel members, and arriving at a consensus decision. Panel Chairs are experienced SAC faculty members who receive additional training and are responsible for writing the decision letters.

Ideal candidates will have knowledge of the relevant policies and most importantly be committed to continuously learning about fair process for conducting hearings and making decisions. Members will receive training on the applicable policies and procedures, as well as the principles of natural justice and administrative decision-making.

A diverse membership for all appeal decision making bodies is important, therefore we aim to have representatives from all teaching Faculties, including the Yeates School of Graduate Studies and the Chang School.

We are strongly committed to fostering diversity and welcome members who reflect a broad range of social demographics, including but not limited to socio-economic diversity, racialized communities, Indigenous peoples, persons with differing abilities, LGBTQ* and gender identity diversity. The membership terms are for 1-2 years (renewable).

Students interested in the SAC: Please go to the Senate website (<https://www.ryerson.ca/senate/>) for an application form. Applications are currently being accepted for immediate consideration until October 2, 2020.

Faculty members interested in the SAC: Please contact Donna Bell, the Secretary of Senate at dbell@ryerson.ca by October 2, 2020.