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STUDENT ACADEMIC APPEALS POLICY

On April 13, 2021 the Queen's University Senate approved the [Queen's University Senate Student Academic Appeals Policy \(SAAP\)](#), which replaces the Senate Policy on Student Appeals, Rights & Discipline (SARD).

The following items are not exhaustive but are key highlights of the new policy. The new policy should be read in its entirety to ensure that all Faculty and School policies are in alignment.

The full policy can be reviewed at:

<https://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/policies/senate/student-academic-appeals-policy>

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Departure from Academic Integrity (Sections 35-38) will be removed from SAAP once the Senate Policy on Academic Integrity has been updated. (Expected Fall 2021)

JURISDICTION

SAAP will only apply to academic matters; references to non-academic misconduct matters have been removed.

APPEAL FEES

Appeal fees are eliminated; no student shall be charged a fee for filing an appeal.

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The Ombuds Office has been operating under new [Terms of Reference](#) since September 2019; the Dispute Resolution Advisor role has been amended to [Ombuds Academic Appeal Advisor](#).

UNIVERSITY STUDENT APPEAL BOARD (USAB)

- *Grounds for appeal:* Limited to breach of procedural fairness or a non-trivial departure from applicable university rules, regulations, or policies
- *Jurisdiction:* Proceeding before USAB shall not be a hearing de novo
- *Composition of USAB:* Amendments to the composition, the Chair and the members have been updated
- *Decision database:* A practice moving forward that a database of USAB decisions be maintained by the Secretary of USAB