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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 36 OF THE ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

To the Academic Affairs Committee,
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it held a meeting on Friday, December 2nd, 1977 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Faculty of Pharmacy, at which the following were present:

Professor J.B. Dunlop (In the Chair)
Professor Dennis Duffy
Professor W.E. Graham
Mrs. Frances Jones

Professor Peter H. Salus
Mr. David Tennenhouse
Mr. Michael E. Treacy
Miss Marie Salter, Secretary

In Attendance:

Mr. M.

Mr. Richard Brott,
Assistant to the Dean,
Faculty of Arts and Science

Professor C.S. Churcher,
Associate Dean,
Faculty of Arts and Science

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Mr. M.

At its meeting on Friday, December 2nd, 1977, the Academic Appeals Board heard the appeal of MR. M., a student at Woodsworth College, from a decision of the Sub-Committee on Academic Appeals of the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Sub-Committee had denied Mr. M.'s appeal from a decision of the Committee on Standing not to grant him late withdrawal without academic penalty in PHL260F and PHL283F which he took in the 1976-77 winter session.

The appellant had found it necessary to take part-time employment to support himself during the fall term. As a result, he fell behind in his course work. He sought an extension of time to permit him to complete the work, but because he was concerned about jeopardizing his OSAP award he did not explain the real reason for needing the extension. The extension was refused, his work was not completed on time and the appellant failed in both courses. As he was already on academic probation as a result of failures in 1975-76, he was suspended for one year. In August, 1977, the appellant submitted a petition for late withdrawal.

Dean C.S. Churcher, representing the Faculty of Arts and Science at the hearing before the Board, indicated that had the appellant petitioned for removal from suspension, his petition might well have been granted. Dean Churcher also said that it was still open to the appellant to launch such a petition. It is unfortunate that this information was not given to the appellant at an earlier stage. In the view of the Board, the remedy of late withdrawal is not appropriate on the facts of the case and the appeal against refusal of that remedy is denied. However, the Board would suggest that the appellant consider submitting a petition to the Faculty of Arts and Science requesting removal from suspension on the basis of extenuating circumstances since it appears likely that such a petition would be sympathetically received.

