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**Student Financial Assistance Appeals Board
Annual Activity Report
Fiscal Year 2006-07**

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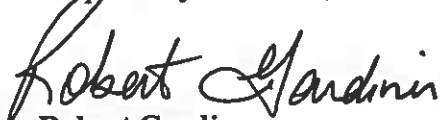
Chairperson's Message

Honourable Joan Burke, M.H.A.
Minister of Education

April 1, 2007

I am pleased to submit the 2006-07 Annual Activity Report of the Student Financial Assistance Appeals Board. This report covers the period of April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. My signature below is on behalf of the Appeals Board and indicative of the Board's accountability for the actual results reported herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Gardiner".

Robert Gardiner
Chairperson

Overview

The Student Financial Assistance Appeals Board is established under authority of section 11.(1) of the Student Financial Assistance Act.

The Board currently consists of a panel of seven persons appointed by the minister and includes:

- one representative from Memorial University, Ms. Donna Ball;
- two students attending educational institutions in the province, Mr. Cletus Flaherty and Ms. Jessica Magalios;
- one representative from the College of the North Atlantic, Ms. Shriley Woodward;
- one representative from a private educational institution in the province, Ms. Lori Caines;
- two employees of the government of the province, Mr. Bob Gardiner and Ms. Linda Vaughan.

All Appeals Board meetings are held at the Confederation Building in St. John's.

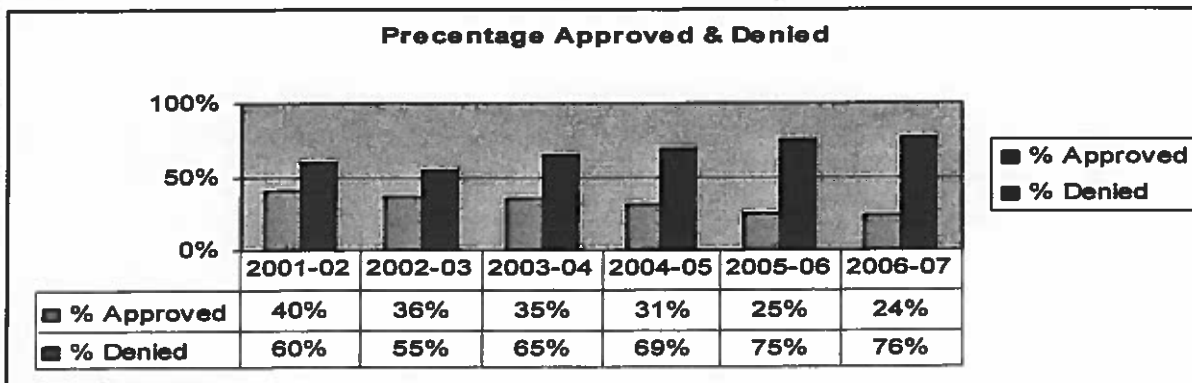
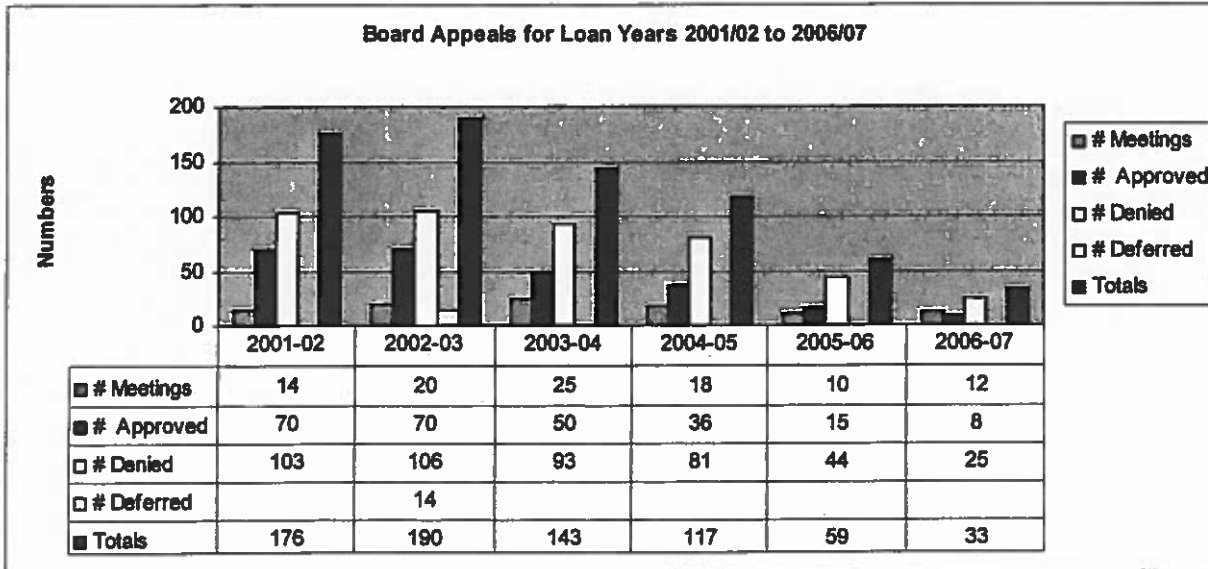
A person may make an appeal to the Board with respect to a denial, term, condition, amount of a student loan, financial assistance, interest or payment relief made or established under the Act. A person who makes an appeal to the board has the right to be present, with or without representation, or to be represented by a person of his or her choosing. The Board offers hearings in-person or via telephone.

The Board is required to hear and consider an appeal not more than 6 weeks after receipt of same. The Board shall notify the appellant of its decision, including the reasons for same, in writing not more than 10 days after the appeal is heard.

Activities

During the Fiscal Year 2006-07 the board held 12 meetings during which 33 cases were heard. 8 cases (24%) were approved in favour of the appellant and 25 (76%) were denied.

Comparison with Previous Fiscal Years



The figures indicated in the 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 years include combined data from the Student Financial Assistance Appeals Board and the Student Loan Remission Appeals Committee. As of November 2004 these boards were abolished and the New Student Financial Assistance Appeals Board was established replacing both.

Financial Statements

The Student Financial Assistance Appeals Board members serve without remuneration as per section 18.(8) of the Student Financial Assistance Regulations. Incidental expenses incurred by the Board are

minimal and are covered in their entirety by the Department of Education. The Board is not required to prepare financial statements.