



## Misconduct and Academic Appeal Cases July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

### Student Misconduct

The policy on Student Discipline, approved by University Council and University Senate in 2012, provides a framework of principles for dealing with student misconduct in both academic and non-academic matters.

#### **Academic Misconduct**

##### **2018-19 statistics:**

Number of academic misconduct cases heard by colleges:

48 allegations involving 47 students

(Previous year: 29 allegations involving 30 students)

Number of students found guilty:

45 students

(Previous year: 26)

Breakdown of allegations:

Plagiarism: 25

Other types of academic misconduct: 20

Penalties:

Expulsions: zero

Suspensions: one

Other penalties:

- In most cases the student was given zero in the assignment or exam, plus an additional penalty of 5% to 25% off the final grade.
- Three instances where student was required to take training in ethics, communication and/or academic integrity
- One instance where a grade on 0 was assigned for the course
- One instance where the student was required to rewrite the assignment
- One instance where the student was required to rewrite thesis
- Three instances where the student was provided a formal reprimand

Additionally, starting January 1, 2017, the *Regulations on Student Academic Misconduct* have a process for recording informal resolutions for complaints of academic misconduct. There were 241 informal resolutions to incidents of academic misconduct. Of these, 140 were related to instances of plagiarism.

#### **Academic misconduct appeals**

Seven appeals of a college decision on academic misconduct were received by the University Secretary under the *Regulations on Student Academic Misconduct* and went forward to an appeal hearing. Four appeals were dismissed. Three appeals were upheld and in two cases the students were to be provided their earned grades on their final exams and in third it was found that the college did not have the jurisdiction to impose the sanction it it.

**Non-academic misconduct**

A total of seven formal complaints were lodged with the University Secretary (compared to nine cases the previous year).

Two complaints were related to allegations of sexual assault, one was related to sexual harassment and causing a significant disruption, and four were related to allegations of verbal and non-verbal aggression, threats and/or intimidation.

Three complaints were dismissed as the Hearing Board did not find there was enough evidence to determine there had been a violation of the Standard of Student Conduct in Non-Academic Matters. In two cases, the sanction was a suspension for a period of three (3) years with conduct probation upon the student's return. In one case, the student was sanctioned with conduct probation and a prohibition from attending certain areas of campus, and the final case, the student was required to submit a letter of apology and complete conflict resolution training.

**Academic appeals**

University procedures for academic appeals provide for appeals from students who believe they have been disadvantaged in their academic standing by an unfair judgment of their work or by unfair college or university processes.

The Office of the University Secretary received four appeals between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Two appeals were dismissed and two appeals were upheld. In one instance, the student was permitted to return to their program and in the other, the college was directed to provide a college-level appeal hearing.