



Misconduct and Academic Appeal Cases July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018

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

201-17 statistics:

Number of academic misconduct cases heard by colleges:

29 allegations involving 30 students

(Previous year: 48 allegations involving 49 students)

Number of students found guilty:

26 students

(Previous year: 43)

Breakdown of allegations:

Plagiarism: 17

Other types of academic misconduct: 12

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 10% off the final grade.
- One instance where a grade of 50% was assigned for the course
- One instance where a grade on 0 was assigned for the course
- One instance where the student was required to re-take the course
- One instance where the student was required to write a letter of apology to the instructors
- One instance where the student was provided a formal reprimand
- One instance where the student's admissions was revoked

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 110 informal resolutions to incidents of academic misconduct. There of these 49 were related to instances of plagiarism.

Academic misconduct appeals

One appeals of a college decision on Academic misconduct was received by the University Secretary under the *Regulations on Student Academic Misconduct* and went forward to an appeal hearing. The appeal was dismissed

Non-academic misconduct

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

Five complained related to allegations of sexual assault, two were related to allegations of verbal and non-verbal threats and intimidation, one related to disrespect for the processes of the *Standard of Student Conduct in Non-academic Matters* and failure to comply with sanctions imposed under the *Standard*, and one related to failure to complete sanctions imposed by a previous hearing board.

Six complaints, including four complaints of sexual assault, were ultimately withdrawn by the complainants before proceeding to a hearing.

One complaint was held in abeyance, as the student involved was not actively registered at the University of Saskatchewan.

The two remaining complaints went to a formal hearing of a Senate Hearing Board. In both cases, the students were found to have violated the *Standard*. The outcomes were as follows:

- Withholding of student's degree until compliance with sanctions imposed by previous hearing board
- Suspension for a period of three years, plus a ban from all U of S residence buildings

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 seven appeals between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Two appeals were withdrawn by the appellant prior to a hearing and the five remaining appeals were dismissed by the University Appeal Board.