

MEMO

TO: Senators

FROM: Dr. Tanya Packer, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs)

DATE: Sept 9, 2019

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties
Reporting Period April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019

Under the *Faculty Discipline Procedures Concerning Allegations of Academic Offences*, a ratification review meeting is held within 14 calendar days of the Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) receiving a Faculty Academic Integrity Officer (AIO) Assessment and Recommended Penalty which the student has accepted. The Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) and a student Senator appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union jointly review the finding and agreed penalty to determine whether the process followed is consistent with the *Faculty Discipline Procedures*. The decision on ratification must be unanimous. The AIO finding and agreed penalty shall stand, despite possible insubstantial procedural errors.

The Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) reports quarterly to Senate on the results of ratification review meetings conducted during the reporting period. The following statistics are reported in comparison to the same quarter (April-June) in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Apr 2, 30
May 14
Jun 7, 26

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	125	266	301
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	125	266	301

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Academic Offence			
Plagiarism	73	126	160
Self- Plagiarism	1	4	5
Cheating on exam / test	7	2	21
Unauthorized Collaboration	22	28	19
Use of unauthorized materials (exam/test)	2	2	7
Submission of work for academic credit when one is not the sole author/creator	1	4	0
Cheating/ Copying	12	1	0
Copying	0	90	83
Aided towards Copying/Cheating	5	5	1
Asking a student to submit a quiz on his behalf	2	0	0
Falsified data/information	0	3	1
Aiding in the commission of an academic offence	0	1	2
Copyright Infringement	0	0	1
To gain un-earned advantage	0	0	1

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Penalties			
Failure of course	2	13	8
Grade for exam/ assignment capped	13	11	19
Grade of “0” for the assignment/ exam	88	198	165

Notation on transcript	8	64	106
Reduction of final grade/grade capped for class	45	163	107
Reduction of grade for assignment/ exam	9	13	66
Resubmit/rewrite assignment	7	14	41
Warning/ reprimand only	4	9	24
Writing centre requirement	95	160	161
Writing centre recommendation	0	5	5
Academic Integrity Module	29	100	73
Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	0	6	9
Must attend ethics workshop	0	46	37
Write an essay on wrongdoing and what led to the error	0	1	3
Meet with advisor to discuss finding, impact on program and career options	0	2	3
Assignment mark to be included in calculation of final grade	0	1	0

The number of penalties is greater than the number of matters ratified, as there can be more than one penalty recommended by the AIO and accepted by the student. For example, one student might experience both failure of the class and a notation on the transcript.

Breakdown of Offences by Faculty-2018-2019

Faculty	Plagiarism	Self Plagiarism	Cheating on test/ exam	Unauthorized collaboration	Use of unauth. materials for exam/test	Gain unearned advantage	Copyright Infringement	Copying	Aided towards cheating/ copying	Falsified Data	Aiding in commission of an academic offence
Agriculture								7			
Architecture & Planning											
Arts & Social Sciences	29			4							
College of Continuing Education	4										
College of Sustainability											
Computer Science	48		18	4			1			1	
Dentistry											
Engineering	5	5	1	2	3	1					1
Graduate Studies	2										
Health	1										
Law	1										
Management	49			8	1						
Medicine				1	1						
Science	6		2		2			76	1		1
University of King's College	15										

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Packer, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on Sept 9th, 2019.

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