

## MEMO

**TO:** Senators

**FROM:** Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs)

**DATE:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**RE:** **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties  
Reporting Period July 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2020

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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 (July- September) in 2019-2020.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Jul 23  
Aug 24  
Sept 9, 23

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	60	166
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	60	166

<b>Academic Offence</b>	<b><u>2019-2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021</u></b>
Plagiarism	41	75
Unauthorized Collaboration	5	39
Plagiarism/Unauthorized Collaboration	0	4
Cheating on exam/test	2	33
Use of unauthorized materials- exam/test	4	0
Copying on assignment/ exam	6	1
Cheating on assignment	1	1
Had another student write and submit exam	1	0
Aiding in the commission of academic offence	0	13

<b>Penalties</b>	<b><u>2019-2020</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021</u></b>
Grade of “0” on assignment/exam	35	76
Warning; reprimand only	5	16
Writing Centre Requirement	22	54
Notation on transcript	21	75
Failure of Course/Thesis	4	12
Reduction of final grade/grade capped for class	20	39
Resubmit/rewrite	2	1
Grade capped for course	2	2
Reduction of grade for assignment/exam	2	47
Term paper marked as though no plagiarism occurred	1	0
Academic Integrity Module	5	46

Grade of “0” on portion of assignment	3	2
Writing Centre Recommendation	0	2
One on one session with specified resource person	0	2
Write essay on AI consequences should I reoffend	1	0
Recorded in database, no other penalties applied	0	1

### Breakdown of Offences by Faculty for 2020-2021

Faculty	Plagiarism	Unauthorized collaboration	Plagiarism/ Unauth Collaboration	Cheating on exam/test	Copying on assignment/ exam	Cheating on assignment	Aiding in commission of an academic offence
Agriculture	0						
Architecture & Planning	0						
Arts & Social Sciences	6		1				
College of Continuing Education	1			1			
College of Sustainability	5						
Computer Science	36	6			1	1	
Dentistry							
Engineering	2						
Graduate Studies							
Health	3	4					
Law							
Management	3	15		5			
Medicine	2						
Science	17	14	3	27			13
University of King’s College							

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair, (Student Affairs) on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from July-Sept 2020

Canadian	80
International	79
Permanent Resident	7
Refugee	0

Total: 166 students

2. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from July-Sept 2019

Canadian	20
International	38
Permanent Resident	2
Refugee	0

Total: 60 students