

MEMO

TO: Senators

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

DATE: June 14th, 2021

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments
and Recommended Penalties
Reporting Period January 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2021

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 (Jan-Mar) in 2019-2020.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Jan 7, 22
 Feb 8, 24
 Mar 10, 29

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	161	507
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	161	507

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Academic Offence		
Plagiarism	120	226
Unauthorized Collaboration	15	117
Plagiarism/Unauthorized Collaboration	0	8
Use of unauthorized materials/exam/test	6	14
Falsified Data	2	2
Self- plagiarism	1	3
Aiding in the commission of academic offence	1	4
Copying/Cheating on assignment or exam	16	132
Plagiarism/To gain unfair advantage	0	1

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Penalties		
Grade of “0” for the assignment/exam	76	237
Writing Workshop/ Study Skills requirement	65	150
Reduction of final grade/capped grade for class	26	105
Grade for exam/ assignment capped	8	9
Resubmit assignment/exam	15	15
Failure of course	10	31
Warning	17	23
Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	9	54
One-on-one session with specified resource person	1	2
Reduction of grade for assignment/exam	32	111
Notation on transcript	29	174
Academic Integrity Module	5	138
Must meet advisor to discuss impact on program	1	3
Penalty to be determined by SDC	0	2

Faculty	Plagiarism	Unauthorized Collaboration	Plagiarism/unauthorized collaboration	Use of Unauthorized Materials on text/exam	Falsified Data	Self-plagiarism	Aiding in commission of offence	Copying/Cheating on assignment/exam	Plagiarism/Gain unearned advantage
Agriculture	15	26				1			
Architecture & Planning									
Arts & Social Sciences	33	19	2			1		6	
College of Continuing Education									
College of Sustainability	19	2					1	1	
Computer Science	75	50			1	1	1	34	
Dentistry									
Engineering	9							36	
Graduate Studies									
Health	12							15	
Law									
Management	18	16	5	13			2		1
Medicine									
Science	44	4	1	1	1			40	
King's College	1								

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.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on June 14th, 2021.

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AIO Stats on citizenship status

1. January – March 2020

Canadian- 56

International- 96

Permanent Resident- 9

Refugee- 0

Total students: 161

2. January- March 2021

Canadian- 222

International- 266

Permanent Resident- 19

Refugee- 0

Total students: 507