

MEMO

TO: Senators

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

DATE: Sept 10th, 2018

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties
Reporting Period April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018

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 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Apr 5, 19
 May 23
 Jun 15, 28

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	91	125	266
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	91	125	266

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
Academic Offence			
Plagiarism	57	73	126
Self- Plagiarism	2	1	4
Cheating on exam / test	8	7	2
Unauthorized Collaboration	4	22	28
Use of unauthorized materials (exam/test)	1	2	2
Submission of work for academic credit when one is not the sole author/creator	0	1	4
Cheating/ Copying	0	12	1
Copying	11	0	90
Submitted ghost-written paper	1	0	0
Academic Dishonesty	1	0	0
Plagiarism/ Unauthorized collaboration	5	0	0
Aided towards Copying/Cheating	1	5	5
Asking a student to submit a quiz on his behalf	0	2	0
Falsified data/information	0	0	3
Aiding in the commission of an academic offence	0	0	1

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
Penalties			
Failure of course	2	2	13
Grade for exam/ assignment capped	17	13	11
Grade of “0” for the assignment/ exam	57	88	198
Notation on transcript	6	8	64
Reduction of final grade/grade capped for class	14	45	163
Reduction of grade for assignment/ exam	4	9	13
Resubmit/rewrite assignment	6	7	14
Warning/ reprimand only	6	4	9
Writing centre requirement	57	95	160
Writing centre recommendation	0	0	5
Academic Integrity Modules	5	29	100
Special assignment on academic integrity	2	0	0
Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	0	0	6
Must attend ethics workshop	0	0	46
Write an essay on wrongdoing and what led to the error	0	0	1
Meet with advisor to discuss finding, impact on program and career options	0	0	2
Assignment mark to be included in calculation of final grade	0	0	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.

Breakdown of Offences by Faculty-2017-2018

Faculty	Plagiarism	Self-Plagiarism	Cheating on test/exam	Unauthorized collaboration	Use of unauth. materials for exam/test	Submission of work when one is not sole author/creator	Cheating/Copying	Copying	Aided towards cheating/copying	Falsified data/information	Aiding in commission of an academic offence
Agriculture				1				4			
Architecture & Planning											
Arts & Social Sciences	45	2				3					1
College of Continuing Education											
College of Sustainability											
Computer Science	49		1	16			1		2		
Dentistry											
Engineering											
Graduate Studies											
Health	3										
Law	1										
Management	10		1	5							
Medicine											
Science	8			6	2	1		86	3	3	
University of King's College	10	2									

Respectfully submitted by Tanya Packer, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on Sept 10th, 2018.

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