

MEMO

TO: Senators

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

DATE: Sept 12th, 2022

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties
Reporting Period April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022

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 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Apr 5, 22
 May 6, 20
 Jun 3, 17

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	300	339	226
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	300	339	226

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Academic Offence			
Plagiarism	169	198	108
Self- Plagiarism	4	2	2
Cheating on exam / test	64	41	43
Cheating on assignment	12	33	29
Unauthorized Collaboration	40	50	39
Use of unauthorized materials (exam/test)	5	0	0
Submission of work for academic credit when one is not the sole author/creator	0	2	0
Copying	0	11	2
Falsified data/information	2	1	0
Aiding in the commission of an academic offence	5	6	3
Attempt to gain unearned advantage	4	1	0

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Penalties			
Failure of course	8	29	17
Notation on transcript	106	126	76
Grade of “0” for the assignment/ exam	165	125	129
Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	9	14	4
Grade for exam/ assignment capped	19	5	0
Reduction of final grade/grade capped	107	85	49

Reduction of grade for assignment/ exam	66	101	48
Resubmit/rewrite assignment	41	14	10
Warning/ reprimand only	24	15	12
Writing centre requirement	161	79	46
Academic Integrity Module	73	85	108
Must attend ethics workshop	37	0	0
Write an essay on wrongdoing and what led to the error	3	0	0
Meet with advisor to discuss finding, impact on program and career options	3	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-2021-2022

Faculty of Dentistry: 0 academic offences for this quarter

Faculty of Medicine: 0 academic offences for this quarter

Faculty	Plagiarism	Self-plagiarism	Cheating on test/exam	Unauth collaboration	Copying/Cheating on assignment	Plagiarism/Aiding in commission of academic offence	Aiding in commission of an academic offence	Plagiarism/Unauth. Collaboration
Agriculture	1							1
Architecture & Planning								
Arts & Social Sciences	27							
Faculty of Open Learning & Career Development	1	1						
College of Sustainability	5							
Computer Science	41	1	18	10	27			
Engineering			21	9	1	2		
Graduate Studies	1							
Health	4							
Law	1			4				
Management	7			5			1	
Science	16		4	11	2			
University of King's College	4							

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on Sept 12th, 2022.

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1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2022

Canadian: 66

International: 145

Permanent Resident: 14

Refugee: 0

Landed Immigrant: 1

Total: 226 students

2. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2021

Canadian: 133

International: 186

Permanent Resident: 20

Refugee: 0

Landed Immigrant: 0

Total: 339 students

3. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2020

Canadian: 86

International: 201

Permanent Resident: 12

Refugee: 1

Landed Immigrant: 0

Total: 300 students