

MEMO

TO: Senators

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

DATE: Sept 15th, 2025

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer
Assessments and Recommended Penalties
Reporting Period April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025

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 2023-24 and 2024-25.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Apr 13, 17
May 8, 26
Jun 12, Jun 27

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
AIO Assessments & Recommendations Ratified	264	286

Academic Offence	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Plagiarism	127	75
Self-plagiarism	3	0
Plagiarism/Unauthorized Collaboration	0	7
Submitted work when not sole author	0	112
Use of unauthorized sources	30	23
Cheating on exam/test	68	20
Unauthorized Collaboration	12	20
Use of Generative AI	0	16
Copying	23	10
Falsified data	0	2
Aiding in the commission of an offence	0	1
Academic Fraud	1	0
 Penalties	 <u>2023-24</u>	 <u>2024-25</u>
Failure of course	21	11
Notation on transcript	128	46
Grade of “0” for assignment/exam	138	142
Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	8	6
Grade for exam/assignment capped	3	3
Reduction of final course grade	11	10

Reduction of grade for assignment	27	57
Resubmit assignment	9	14
Warning, reprimand	9	11
Writing Centre requirement	107	185
Academic Integrity Module	123	177
Meet with advisor to discuss path forward	4	3

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 for 2024-25 (table attached)

Faculty of Dentistry:	0 academic offences for this quarter
Faculty of Medicine:	0 academic offences for this quarter
Faculty of Open Learning & Career Dev.	0 academic offences for this quarter
Faculty of Law	0 academic offences for this quarter

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1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2024/25

Canadian: 201

International: 54

Permanent Resident: 29

Refugee: 2

Landed Immigrant: 0

Total: 286 students

2. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2023/24

Canadian: 121

International: 100

Permanent Resident: 43

Refugee: 0

Landed Immigrant: 0

Total: 264 students

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on Sept 15th, 2025.

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