

MEMO

TO: Senators

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

DATE: February 13th, 2023

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties

Reporting Period October 1, 2022 to December 31, 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 (Oct-Dec) in 2021-2022.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Oct 4, 18
Nov 3, 17
Dec 2, 16

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	181	180
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	181	180

<u>Academic Offence</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
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Plagiarism	108	102
Unauthorized Collaboration	31	11
Plagiarism/Unauthorized Collaboration	2	0
Copying	5	12
Cheating on exam / test	11	39
Copying/Cheating on assignment	15	7
Cheating/Copying	0	1
Aided in the commission of an academic offence	1	1
Attempt to gain unearned advantage/ falsified data	1	0
Use of unauthorized materials-exam/test	11	6
Submitted work for credit/not sole author	0	1

<u>Penalties</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
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Failure of course	11	11
Penalty TBD by SDC	2	3
Notation on transcript	51	78
Grade of "0" for assignment/exam	76	115

Grade of "0" on portion of assignment/exam	1	9
Reduction of grade for assignment/exam	37	17
Reduction of final grade/grade capped for class	35	20
Grade for exam/assignment capped	0	11
Meet with AIO/Advisor to discuss finding/impact on program	2	2
Resubmit assignment	15	10
Writing Centre Requirement	66	64
Writing Workshop Recommendation	0	1
Academic Integrity Module	57	97
Warning; reprimand only	22	2

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- 2022-23

Faculty	Plagiarism	Use of unauthorized materials exam/test	Unauthorized Collaboration	Cheating on assignment/ exam	Copying / Cheating on assignment	Aiding in commission of offence	Submitted work for credit when not sole author
Agriculture	7		2				
Architecture & Planning							
Arts & Social Sciences	18		3	1			
Faculty of Open Learning & Career Development		1					
College of Sustainability	4						
Computer Science	40			38	7		
Dentistry							
Engineering		2			13	1	1

Graduate Studies							
Health	2						
Law							
Management	25		5				
Medicine							
Science	3	3	1				
University King's College	3						

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on February 13th, 2023.

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1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from Oct- Dec 2021

Canadian	61
International	113
Permanent	7
Resident Refugee	0
Landed Immigrant	
Total:	181 students

2. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from Oct- Dec 2022

Canadian	40
International	130
Permanent	9
Resident Refugee	1
Landed Immigrant	0
Total:	180 students