



MEMO

TO: Senators

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

DATE: February 12th, 2024

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties
Reporting Period October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

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 2022-2023.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Oct 4, 27
Nov 10, 24
Dec 11

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	180	94
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	180	94

<u>Academic Offence</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
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Plagiarism	102	34
Self- Plagiarism	0	1
Unauthorized Collaboration	11	14
Copying	12	1
Cheating on exam / test	39	11
Copying/Cheating on assignment	7	19
Cheating/Copying	1	1
Aided in the commission of an academic offence	1	0
Attempt to gain unearned advantage/ falsified data	0	1
Use of unauthorized materials-exam/test/other	6	4
Submitted work for credit/not sole author	1	7
Fabrication of information	0	1

<u>Penalties</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
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Failure of course	11	17
Penalty TBD by SDC	3	1
Notation on transcript	78	52
Grade of “0” for assignment/exam	115	47

Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	9	6
Reduction of grade for assignment/exam	17	11
Reduction of final grade/grade capped for class	20	9
Grade for exam/assignment capped	11	0
Meet with AIO/Advisor to discuss finding/impact on program	2	0
Resubmit assignment	10	3
Writing Centre Requirement	64	27
Writing Workshop Recommendation	1	0
Academic Integrity Module	97	37
Warning; reprimand only	2	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- 2023-24

Faculty	Plagiarism	Unauthorized collaboration	Self-plagiarism	Fabrication of information	Submitted work for credit/not sole author	Copying / Cheating on assignment	To Gain unearned advantage	Cheating on exam/test	Use of unauthorized materials
Agriculture	2			2					
Architecture & Planning									
Arts & Social Sciences	9			1	5				
Faculty of Open Learning & Career Development	1								
College of Sustainability									
Computer Science	14	8				20	1	8	
Dentistry									
Engineering		2				1			
Graduate Studies	1								1

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Health	4		1					3	3
Law									
Management	1								
Medicine									
Science		2			2				
University of King's College	2								

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on February 12th, 2024.

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

Canadian	40
International	130
Permanent	9
Resident Refugee	1
Landed Immigrant	0

Total: **180 students**

1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from Oct- Dec 2023

Canadian	26
International	58
Permanent	9
Resident Refugee	1
Landed Immigrant	0

Total: **94 students**