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2007-01	This is an appeal of penalty imposed by the UBSD (2006-06) and upheld by the president of permanent suspension. Student is claiming that a procedural error occurred that altered the outcome of the case	Student appealed UBSD case 2006-06. Applicant did not attend. Committee ruled that the punishment of permanent suspension from the university was not unfair due to the amount of UBSD cases against the student. The decision was upheld.
2008-03	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism, student failed to cite direct quotation from source. Student claimed that the citation was not a direct quote, but words of a family member	Student appealed a grade of "0" on a paper which violated the SFU Academic Dishonesty Policy. Committee decided that the grade should remain but that the Academic Dishonesty Report should be removed from the university and departmental files.
2008-03* Accidental ly mis- numbered should be 2008-05	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism, student claims that the instructor did not give enough time to review the work in question therefore causing an error in citations	Student appealed an "F" grade on a paper under T10.03, section 8.1 (a). Committee ruled in favour of the student and awarded 15 points, resulting in a grade of 15/40- also an "F".
2008-04	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism, student requested the original academic dishonesty report be reversed and paper re-graded for not citing properly	Student appealed the grade on a final paper which was deemed to have broken the SFU Academic Dishonesty Policy. Committee ruled to uphold the decision and agreed that the punishment was fitting.
2008-06	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism, student failed to cite properly and wants the academic integrity report removed from the file and a lesser penalty recorded	Student appealed a grade of "0". Committee ruled that the grade should stand but that the report should be removed from the university and departmental files.
2008-07	Academic Dishonesty – Falsified documents for the purpose of being admitted into graduate school – appealing the ruling of the UBSD's decision for a 6-term suspension	Student appealed the accusation that they submitted false documentation to support their application for graduate school and punishment of a six term suspension. Penalty was considered well within the range if fair and upheld.
2008-08	Student claims that a procedural error occurred upon learning that an act of academic integrity was compromised in a classroom situation. Student left a copy of their assignment visible on the computer. Instructor gave the student a grade of "0" for the assignment and forwarded the academic incident report to the Registrar's Office for filing	Student appealed under T10.03, section 8.1 (a) that a procedural effected the fairness of the process. Student was punished for leaving a copy of an assignment at a work station for a second time after being warned (fourth time they were warned). Student was awarded a 0 on the assignment. Committee decided to in force a 25% reduction of the assignment, instead, and that a letter should remain in the student's file.

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2010-01	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism, Department Chair and instructor noticed a significant amount of “cut and pasting” of extensive text and “code” without proper citing at the end of the paper. Student claims they “forgot” to mention the citing’s at the end of the paper due to stress. Student was asked to leave the graduate program as a result of the F grade on the course	Student appealed a grade of "F" under S10.01, section 2 (iii) that the penalty was excessive. By choosing not to enforce a grade of "FD" the committee felt that leniency was already being showed and upheld the penalty.
2010-02	Academic Dishonesty – Incident is a result of a 2-person work group. Students appealing penalty claiming that work submitted identical to another student in the course working in a different group. Students claim that they were encouraged to work as a team and therefore all 4 submitted the same results, but TA did not authorize that all submit the same work. These two students were assigned an FD grade because they were involved in another group academic incident in earlier years, but the other students received an F	*** Student appealed a grade of "FD" under S10.04, section 2.1 (iii) that the penalty in the case was excessive. Given that there were other students involved who received less severe punishments and who had already academic dishonesty records, the committee ruled in the student's favour and changed the grade to an "F"
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2010-04	Academic Dishonesty – Cheating during an examination. Student concedes that cheating did occur but that the penalty of FD is too excessive and requested a reduction of that penalty since a procedural error occurred in which the student was not given an opportunity to speak to the Chair before imposing the penalty	Student appealed a grade of "FD" under S10.01, section 4.1.2, arguing that a grade of "FD" was too excessive of sentence but acknowledging that cheating did occur during a final exam. Committee decided to substitute a grade of "F" for "FD" since no meeting with the Chair was arranged before imposing the penalty

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2011-01	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism. Graduate Student appealing a final grade of “F” on an assignment in which lengthy passages were copied without citation or references, student appealed based on medical grounds and cites that judgment was affected due to medication.	Appeal by graduate student to reconsider a grade of "F". Student appealed under policy S10.04, Section 2.1(i) that the punishment was excessive. Committee ruled against the student and upheld the original decision.
2011-02	Student received a grade of “0” on a midterm after the instructor found an open notebook in the student’s possession during the midterm	Student appealed under S10.04, Section 2.1(i) that the punishment of "0" on a midterm was excessive. Committee confirmed the original decision and the grade remained unchanged.
2011-03	Graduate Student is assigned three grades of “F” for graduate courses after it is brought to attention that substantial parts of each paper submitted were plagiarized. Based in part on the cumulative impact of these grades the student was ineligible to continue in the graduate program. The papers in question include 2 written in the spring 2011. The third paper was written during the Fall 2010	Appeal under S10.04, section 2.1(i) regarding 3 "F" grades which resulted from violations of the SFU Academic Integrity Policy. The Committee found that the grades of “F” assigned for the two spring courses were not excessive and therefore remained unchanged. The Committee decided to alter the Fall 2010 course grade to a C+ and noted that if the copying had been detected in December 2010 when the paper was first graded, there would have been no evidence that it was part of a pattern of repeated acts of dishonesty; it would appear to be an isolated case of dishonesty.
2011-04	Student copied substantial amount of work from another student but claims that there was an element of collaboration with the assignment and contends that they were not allowed to explain themselves before the penalty was imposed	Student appealed final grade of C+ which resulted out of a low grade on an assignment deemed to violate SFU Academic Integrity Policy. Committee did not agree that punishment was excessive- original decision upheld.
2011-05	Student is requesting reconsideration of an FD after it was discovered that they removed a solutions manual from the TAs office prior to the final exam therefore disadvantaging other students. The removal of the solutions manual was one of a series of incidents involving inappropriate behavior by the student in relation to the TA	Student appealed grade of "FD" which resulted from him removing a solutions manual from the TA's office before the examination claiming that this action was disadvantaging other students. Committee ruled in favour of student (Policy S10.04, 2.1 (i)) that the penalty was excessive and changed the "FD" to a grade of "D" because the student was not intentionally trying to disadvantage other students but trying to avoid the TA due to personal differences

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2011-06	An appeal of a penalty imposed by the UBSD and affirmed by the President in a case of Academic Dishonesty. Student admits to the act of academic dishonesty to SCODA but not the UBSD (fellow students helped them prepare their assignments). Student contends that the penalty imposing the three term suspension in addition to the "FD" imposed by the Chair is excessive. Student is not appealing the "FD" in the course	The penalty imposed by the UBSD is consistent with prior cases in which students with no previous record of academic dishonesty. The student failed to admit that they had engaged in other acts of academic dishonesty before the UBSD. Although they admitted to SCODA that they had violated the University's Code of Academic Integrity and Good Conduct, they characterized their acts as "a mistake". The Committee concludes that the penalty of three semesters suspension is not excessive all the circumstances of the case.
2011-07	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism. This is an appeal from a Graduate Student seeking reconsideration of a grade of "F" imposed for a final paper after it was determined that substantial portions of the paper had been taken directly from unacknowledged sources. Paper was worth 50% of the course grade.	Student appealed a grade of "F" imposed on a final paper which had been substantially plagiarized. Paper was worth 50% of grade which resulted in the student failing the course. Options available to the Faculty included imposing and "F" or an "FD" for the course based on academic dishonesty. It did neither. Instead, the penalty was limited to an "F" for the plagiarized paper itself. SCODA finds no basis for concluding that the penalty was excessive in all the circumstances of the case.
2012-01	Student had unauthorized access to homework solutions and admitted to copying answers for four homework assignments from a solution key given by an acquaintance who obtained the answers from a teaching assistant. Is appealing the severity of the penalty and is asking for a grade of "F" rather than an "FD" since this is a first offence.	Student appealed a grade of "FD" imposed after it was determined that homework answers were obtained. Student appealed under S10.04, Section 2.1 (iii). The student did not admit the academic dishonesty as long as a question remained about the nature of the penalty to be imposed. Only after an FD was assigned did they become forthcoming. The offense comprised not just one but four separate instances of copying. Committee confirmed the original decision of an "FD" for the course.
2012-02	Student used unauthorized internet access to solutions that had been posted during a midterm examination. Student's appeal is to have the "FD" grade substituted with an "F"	Student appealed a grade of "FD" following the conclusion that answers were posted during a midterm online. Student appealed under S10.04, Section 2.1 (iii). Committee confirmed the original decision because student did not admit to committing academic dishonesty.
2012-03	Academic Dishonesty - Plagiarism. Student is requesting a reconsideration of a mark of 40/100 imposed on an essay that had significant number of phrases plagiarized failing to cite the passages	Student appealed a grade of 40/100 on an essay that was deemed to violate the SFU Academic Dishonesty Policy. Student denied plagiarism occurred and appealed under S10.04, section 2.1 (iii) that the punishment was excessive. Committee found the punishment to be lenient and upheld the original decision.

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2013-01	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism. Student is seeking a reconsideration of an “F” grade imposed on a term paper after the instructor concluded that a significant number of phrases had been plagiarized and this student failed to properly cite the passages. Student acknowledges that the plagiarism took place but that having an “F” grade in the class will result in a delayed graduation	Student appealed a grade of "F" on a term paper. Student appealed un S10.04, section 2.1(iii) that the grade was too excessive but did acknowledge that plagiarism occurred. Committee ruled that the penalty was fitting and upheld it.
2013-02	Student is seeking reconsideration of an “FD” grade imposed by the Faculty. This case involved two cases of alleged academic dishonesty. In the first case the instructor argued that the student had hired a private tutor to write an assignment. The student then sent the assignment to one other student. In the end, several students ended up submitting the same paper. In the second case this student was caught taking a photograph with a phone during an in-class quiz	Student appealed a grade "FD" imposed by the Faculty of Business following two separate cases of Academic Dishonesty involving a private tutor and a photograph taken of an in-class quiz. Committee ruled to uphold the penalty.
2013-03	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism. This case involves a Graduate Student seeking a reconsideration of an “F” grade imposed by the Faculty. The academic dishonesty involved two cases of plagiarism on written assignments within the term. The student appealed to the UBSD citing that the facts of the case were in dispute. UBSD concluded that the student had committed academic dishonesty. The case came before SCODA under S.10.04, 2.1 (iii) that the penalty was excessive.	Graduate student sought an appeal of an "F" grade imposed by the Faculty of Education. This grade was imposed after two separate Academic Dishonesty reports were filed against the student. Committee did not find the punishment to be excessive and it was upheld.
2014-04	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism. Student is seeking a reduced penalty on an essay in which the TA found multiple instances of plagiarism.	Student appealed a 50% reduction of a paper deemed to violate the SFU Academic Dishonesty policy. SCODA found the penalty to be suitable and upheld the original decision.

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2014-05	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism. Student is seeking a reconsideration of this grade since it is a first infraction. Student claims that the penalty for first acts of academic dishonesty is at the discretion of the instructor and that the student suffers from health issues and this should be taken into consideration	Student is appealing a reduced penalty for an essay and appeal under University Policy S10.04, 2.1 (iii). The instructor could have given an “FD” grade on the course, but opted for simply giving a zero on the paper. The committee upheld the original decision by the instructor.
2014-06	Student is seeking a reduced penalty for a take-home essay final exam. Student had trouble submitting the final exam online due to an alleged computer virus, an extension was given, but the exam contained a number of plagiarized passages. Student claims that the final exam was actually a working draft and had been submitted by mistake under the circumstances of the troubled computer	Student is appealing a reduced penalty for a take home essay under University Policy S10.04, 2.1 (iii). It is agreed by all parties that the paper contained plagiarized materials. Student had troubling submitting the online paper due to an alleged computer virus. SCODA considered the actual penalty to be reasonable given that the instructor could have graded the paper with an “FD” for the conduct, but opted for giving a zero on the final exam. SCODA upheld the original decision.
2015-01	Graduate student appealing a penalty imposed by the UBSD and affirmed by the President in a case of Academic Dishonesty.	Student is appealing the findings of the UBSD that the completed MA thesis and an earlier directed readings paper contained plagiarized material and improper citations. The UBSD recommended an “FD” grade for the directed readings course, an “FD” grade for the MA thesis, for the MA degree to be revoked, and for a five semester suspension to be imposed. SCODA upheld the original decision.
2015-02	Graduate student is appealing a plagiarized penalty imposed by the UBSD that a three term suspension for is excessive	Student is appealing under S10.04 2.1, ii, iii, and iv that the penalty is excessive. SCODA found in favour of the student and reduced the suspension from three terms to two terms.
2016-01	Graduate student is appealing two “FD” grades and made the case that the penalty is excessive despite the acknowledgment of error and that the error was an oversight due to personal stress. Applicant’s appeal was a request for a reduction in penalty.	Student is appealing under S10.04 2.1, ii, iii, and iv that the penalty is excessive. SCODA found that the “FD” grade is appropriate and a reduction to “F” would imply failure due to some other matter of incompetence or inadequacy of the work in question. SCODA upheld the original decision.
2016-02	Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism. Student is seeking a reconsideration of an “F” grade imposed on an assignment after the instructor concluded that a number of phrases had been plagiarized and this student failed to properly cite the passages. Student acknowledges that the plagiarism took place	Student appealed a grade of "F" on a term paper. Student appealed un S10.04, section 2.1(iii) that the grade was too excessive but did acknowledge that plagiarism occurred. Committee ruled that the penalty was fitting and upheld the original decision

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2017-01	Undergraduate honours student appealed the "F" grade for an honours project proposal in which the student included a series of mis-specified citations and one case of plagiarism. Student is appealing under S10.04 2.1, ii, iii, and iv	SCODA agreed in favour of the student that the "F" grade awarded (the strongest penalty available) was excessive given the circumstances of the case. Under SCODA 10.04, 4.3 (ii) the committee overturned the penalty and recommended that the student be given the opportunity to re-write the proposal and have it regraded by another faculty member in the department.
2017-02	Graduate student is appealing the President's decision to accept the UBSD's recommendation of an "FD" grade in a 800-level graduate course and a three-term suspension from SFU. Student is appealing under S10.04, 2.1 (ii) and (iii)	SCODA upheld the UBSD decision of the three-term suspension and "FD" notation for the 800-level graduate course.