

**Report to Senate on Student Discipline:
Academic Dishonesty and Student Misconduct
1994/95**

On July 4, 1994, four new policies¹ concerning student discipline were approved and these took effect September 1, 1994. This is a combined report from the University Board on Student Discipline (UBSD) and the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA) reporting on the first year of operation of the new policies.

UBSD members and SCODA members were invited to participate in separate orientation sessions about the workings of these bodies.

Members of UBSD are:

Faculty: Joan Brockman, Coordinator
Marilyn MacDonald, Women's Studies
Joseph Peters, Computing Science
Sheila Roberts, English
Staff: Maggie Nicholson, Political Science
Chris Patton, Residence and Housing
Michael Murdock, Financial Services
Students: Kenneth Chan, Undergraduate
Kim Smith, Undergraduate
Jeffrey Yang, Graduate

Members of SCODA are:

Faculty: Charles Crawford, Chair
Dorothy Chunn, Criminology
Paul Percival, Chemistry
Kathleen Akins, Philosophy
Students: Robin Dhir, Undergraduate
Tobie Myers, Undergraduate
Michael Shabbits, Undergraduate

The University Board on Student Discipline heard and decided 13 cases in the period 1 September 1994 to 31 August 1995. The cases included 5 cases of plagiarism, five cases of cheating on a final examination, 1 case of falsification of admission documentation, 1 case of misuse of computing resources and 1 case of

¹ T10.01 Code of Student Conduct
T10.02 Code of Academic Honesty
T10.03 University Board on Student Discipline
T10.04 Senate Committee on Academic Discipline (SCODA) - Terms of Reference

general misconduct. In one of the cases dealing with an allegation of cheating in a final examination, the Board found that the student had not intended to cheat, but in all other cases the Board determined that the alleged offences had taken place. A summary of the cases heard by UBSD and SCODA is attached for the information of Senate. It will be published in Simon Fraser News in the near future.

One student appealed one of the cases which had been heard by the UBSD to SCODA. After a hearing, SCODA upheld the penalty imposed. One case is pending before SCODA.

Although the caseload for SCODA members has not been onerous, it has become clear that the membership provisions of policy T 10.04 are not adequate. Under its terms of reference, SCODA is to be composed of 7 members as follows: 3 faculty members elected by Senate; 3 students elected by Senate; the Chair elected by Senate. The quorum for the Committee is 5 members including the Chair. It has been difficult to schedule meetings with the membership designed in this manner. Indeed, the case which is currently under appeal with SCODA was received by SCODA in mid July, and to date SCODA has been unable to schedule a hearing due to a lack of quorum.

SCODA therefore recommends to Senate the following motion:

That the composition of the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals be amended to include 1 alternate faculty member (also elected by Senate), and 1 alternate student (also elected by Senate), so that the potential pool of members to hear a case is increased to 9.

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Appeals

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Student Discipline Case Summary

File #	Nature of offense	Outcome
94-1	Plagiarism. Submitted copies of essays previously submitted several semesters earlier.	Student admitted plagiarism. F in course should stand. No further penalty recommended.
94-2	Plagiarism. Submitted copies of essays previously submitted several semesters earlier.	Student admitted plagiarism. F in course should stand. No further penalty recommended.
94-3	Plagiarism. Submitted copies of essays previously submitted several semesters earlier.	Student admitted plagiarism. F in course should stand. No further penalty recommended.
94-4	Plagiarism. Submitted copies of essays previously submitted several semesters earlier.	Student admitted plagiarism. F in course should stand. No further penalty recommended.
94-5	Cheated in final examination. Copied from another student.	Board found student cheated. President imposed one semester suspension.
94-5	Cheated in final examination. Copied from another student.	Board found student cheated. President imposed five semester suspension due to a similar offense the previous year. Student appealed to SCODA but the appeal was denied.
94-6	Falsified documentation on admission and impersonating another person.	Student admitted falsifying documentation. President imposed five semester suspension.
95-1	Plagiarism. Submitted essay with large portion taken from published work.	Student admitted plagiarism. President imposed three semester suspension.
95-2	Inappropriate use of computing resources. Obtained password of another student and misused it.	Students admitted misusing computing resources. Letter of apology written to parties involved.
95-4	Misconduct on university property. Student intoxicated, aggressive, abusive and uncooperative with Security personnel.	Board found student had been involved in misconduct. President imposed the following penalty: One semester suspension; 40 hours community work; Letter of apology to persons involved; Enrollment in alcohol-awareness program; Student was barred from purchasing or consuming alcohol on campus for remainder of program.
95-5	Cheating in final examination.	Board found student did not cheat or intend to cheat.
95-6	Cheated in final examination.	Board found student negligent in protecting answer sheet. Case under appeal with SCODA.
95-6	Cheated in final examination.	Board found student cheated. Penalty imposed by instructor (a grade of F in course) to stand.