

**Annual Report
1995/96
University Board on Student Discipline
Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals**

This is a combined report from the University Board on Student Discipline (UBSD) and the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals (SCODA) reporting on the second year of operation of the new policies on student academic dishonesty and misconduct.

The University Board on Student Discipline heard and decided 7 cases in the period 1 September 1995 to 31 August 1996. The cases included one case of plagiarism, two cases of cheating on a final examination, three cases of falsification of documents, and one case of general misconduct (involving two persons). In one of the cases dealing with two incidents of cheating, the Board found that the first incident of cheating had not been handled according to the policy in place at the time, 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.

The Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals heard one case in which a student appealed the decision of the UBSD that the penalty imposed by the instructor should remain unchanged in a case of cheating in a final examination. SCODA, after due consideration of the case, denied the appeal.



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Students:	Kim Smith Jeffrey Zang Eric Glanville Stephen Ross
Staff:	Michael Murdock Maggie Nicholson Chris Patton

SCODA Members

Faculty:	Kathleen Akins Larry Pinfield Jenifer Thewalt Victor Finberg Tim Morrison Michael Shabbits
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Student Discipline Case Summary

File #	Nature of Offence	Outcome
95-6	Cheated in final examination.	The Board found the student had been negligent in protecting answer sheet. The penalty imposed by the instructor (zero in the examination) remained unchanged. The student appealed to SCODA. The appeal was denied.
95-7	Cheated in final examination.	The Board found the student had cheated. The penalty imposed by instructor (a grade of F in course) was unchanged. No further penalty recommended.
95-8	Plagiarism. Submitted essay with portion taken from published work.	The Board found the student plagiarised published work. The penalty imposed by the Chair (grade of F in the course) was unchanged. No further penalty recommended.
95-9	Falsified documentation to Senate as appeal to department rejection.	The Board found the student had submitted falsified documentation to Senate. The President expelled the student.
95-10	Falsified documentation on admission.	The Board found the student had falsified documentation. The President imposed a three semester suspension on the student.
95-11	Student misconduct. Two students stole approx. \$600 worth of books from SFU Bookstore, and assaulted a staff member and a Security Officer when trying to escape apprehension.	The President imposed the following penalties on both students: 3 semester suspension; one year prohibition from SFU property; letter of apology to the two staff members.
96-1	Falsified documentation on admission.	The student's provisional admission to the University was revoked. The President barred the student from reapplying for admission for six semesters.
96-2	Cheating in coursework. Registrar had received reports of two separate incidents of cheating	The Board found that the first report of cheating (reported under the former academic misconduct policy) was procedurally unsound and therefore could not be used to consider a more serious penalty in a second offence.