

Annual Report on Student Discipline Matters

2004/2005

University Board on Student Discipline **
Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals **
Statistical Summary – Registrar *
Statistical Summary – Associate Dean, Student Services *

* Section 11.1 of Policy T10.01 states: “The Registrar and the Associate Dean, Student Services, shall maintain a statistical summary of cases which are handled through their offices each year, and these data shall be included in the Annual Report on Student Discipline Matters.”

** Section 11.2 of Policy T10.01 states: “In addition to the data in 11.1, the Annual Report on Student Discipline Matters will contain a summary of the UBSD Tribunal’s decisions, the President’s decisions, SCODA’s decisions and the penalties imposed. This report will be accessible to the University community and will be submitted to Senate for information.
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University Board on Student Discipline
Reporting Period: November 2004 to October 2005

The University Board on Student Discipline dealt with thirteen cases involving allegations of academic dishonesty, and one case of non-academic student misconduct, in the period covered by the report.

A summary of the cases dealt with by the UBSD is attached for the information of Senate.

UBSD Membership

Faculty	Students	Staff
Howard Trottier Co-Ordinator (to October 2005)	Lee Simons (to August 2006)	Donalda Meyers (to October 2008)
Dave MacAlister Co-Ordinator (to September 2008)	Keith Tierney (to August 2006)	Yvonne Tabin (to October 2006)
Deborah Connolly (to October 2008)	Jennifer Yoon (to June 2006)	Tracy Bruneau (to July 2007)
Aidan Vining (to August 2006)	Samer El-Nashar (to April 2005)	
Greg Baker (to September 2007)	Seema Jaffer (to April 2005)	



Howard Trottier
Professor of Physics
Coordinator, University Board on Student Discipline

UBSD Discipline Summary

File #	Nature of Offence	Outcome
04-6	Academic dishonesty. Student submitted fraudulent medical certificate to be excused from writing a mid-term examination	The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended student for six semesters.
04-7 04-8	Academic dishonesty. Alleged that one student copied from another student, who allowed work to be viewed during course quiz.	Students jointly appealed the departmental finding of academic dishonesty. The Tribunal upheld the students' appeals and instructed the department to grade the quiz and adjust final grades in course accordingly. The Tribunal also instructed the department to remove record of academic dishonesty from departmental file.
04-9	Academic dishonesty. Allowed another student to write mid-term exam on his/her behalf	Student admitted academic dishonesty. Tribunal recommended 6 semester suspension. President suspended student for four semesters. Departmental penalty 'F on course' to stand.
05-1	Academic dishonesty. Submission of work as own that was copied from Internet solutions.	Tribunal recommended six semester suspension (2 nd documented offense committed by student in less than a year in the same department). President accepted recommendation of Tribunal and suspended student for six semesters. Effective date of suspension dependent on student meeting certain conditions imposed by the President.
05-2	Academic dishonesty. Two assignments submitted as own work judged by Instructor to be the work of someone else	Student appealed the departmental finding of academic dishonesty. The Tribunal upheld the student's appeal and instructed the department to restore the original grades on the student's assignments and recalculate the student's final grade for the course. The Department was also directed by the Tribunal to remove any record of academic dishonesty from the departmental files.
05-3	Student Misconduct. Extensive damage done to elevator in Residence building.	Tribunal found the student committed vandalism and recommended a six semester suspension and that the student be required to make restitution for the full recovery costs incurred to repair the elevator. The Tribunal also recommended that the amount be attached to the student's account and that the University follow usual procedures in scheduling payment, assessing interest charges, and managing delinquent accounts. The President accepted the finding of the Tribunal but imposed a suspension of three semesters, restitution in the amount of \$5000, with the charge being attached to the student account, and 100 hours of community service in the form of volunteer work, the completion of which must be fully documented before application can be made to be re-admitted to the University.
05-4	Academic Dishonesty. Allowed someone else to write mid-term exam on his/her behalf.	Tribunal found that the student committed academic dishonesty. President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for seven semesters. Departmental penalty of a mark of zero on mid-term exam to stand.

05-5	Academic Dishonesty. Two incidents of plagiarism in the same course in the same term.	Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for two semesters. Departmental penalty – zero on paper, resulting in failure in the course – to stand.
05-6	Academic Dishonesty. Two incidents of plagiarism in two different courses in the same department.	Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for three semesters. Departmental penalty – failure in the two courses – to stand.
05-7	Academic Dishonesty. Plagiarism.	Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for one semester. Departmental penalty – failure in the course – to stand.
05-8	Academic Dishonesty. Plagiarism.	Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for one semester. Departmental penalty – failure in the course – to stand.
05-9	Academic Dishonesty. Plagiarism.	Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for one semester, the suspension to be applied retroactively due to complications with visa renewal. Departmental penalty – failure in the course – to stand.
05-10	Academic Dishonesty. Second reported incident of academic dishonesty in student file in Registrar's Office.	Student admitted academic dishonesty. The Tribunal recommended a six semester suspension and that subsequent to the suspension, the student be required to re-take and pass the course in question before being allowed to graduate. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for six semesters, but did not require the student to re-take and pass the course. The Departmental penalty – failure in the course – to stand. STUDENT APEALED TO SCODA – APPEAL OUTSTANDING.

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals
Reporting Period: November 2004 to November 2005

The Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals dealt with two appeals in the period covered by this report.

Both cases dealt with T10.03, 8.1(c), "that the penalty imposed on the student is excessive in all the circumstances of the case".

In one case the appeal was not upheld and the original decision stood and in another the appeal was upheld and the penalty was varied.

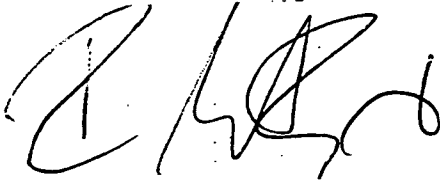
Of ongoing concern to members of SCODA is the apparent absence of uniform standards across faculties for similar academic offences. For example, some faculties have adopted a "zero tolerance" approach to plagiarism and thus they do not differentiate between poor referencing and more blatant plagiarism in a term paper. Other faculties use a less stringent approach. This has led to confusion for more than one appellant who has received academic penalties ranging from only a notation on a paper indicating "poor referencing" to receiving a zero on a paper and a failing grade in a course for what appears to be similar referencing issues.

A standardized code of infractions and penalties would help this committee. In the absence of this we will continue to apply our best judgment and to rely on appropriate precedent.

SCODA Membership as of November 16th, 2005

<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Students</u>
Cathy D'Andrea-Chair	Grant Janzen
Cyril Thong-Vice Chair	Amanda van Baarsen
Bruce Kadonoff	Sarah Caufield
Karen Kavanagh	Shawn Hunsdale
Kevin Stewart	Scott Byers

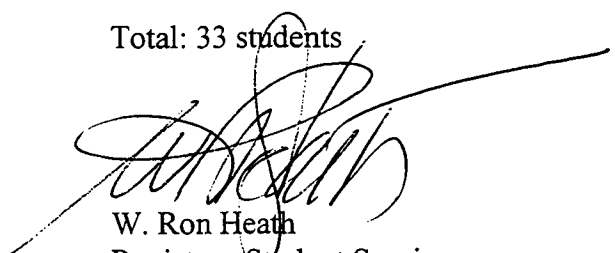
Secretary: Richard MacLeod



Academic Student Discipline
 Statistical Report – November 2004 to October 2005

Type of Offense	04/05 # of cases	Departmental Penalty	03/04 # of cases
Plagiarism	10	Penalties ranged from 0 for assignment or term paper to F for the course	7
Cheating (on assignments, during exams, copying or allowing copying of own or another student's work, submission of solutions from Internet source as own work, alteration of exam paper for re-evaluation)	22	Penalties ranged from formal reprimand, 0 for assignment or exam, to F for the course	30
Omitting to report previous attendance at other institutions or otherwise misrepresenting documents	1	Letter of reprimand	4

Total: 33 students



W. Ron Heath
 Registrar, Student Services

November 16, 2005

Non Academic Student Discipline

November 1, 2004 - October 31, 2005

Type of Incident:	No. of Cases 2004-05	Resolve:	No. of Cases 2003-04
Shoplifting/Theft @ SFU Bookstore	14	Informal resolve	4
Harassment/Misconduct	13	Informal resolve	3
Disruptive Behaviour	32*	Informal resolve *1 case to UBSD	12
Computer Misconduct	4	Informal resolve	2
Property Damage	7	Informal resolve	3
Other	5	Informal resolve	3
Total # of Students:	60 (15 students involved in two categories)		24


 Ron Heath, Registrar
 Student Services

November 14, 2005