Annual Report on Student Discipline Matters

2002/2003

For Information

University Board on Student Discipline **
Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals **
Statistical Summary – Registrar *
Statistical Summary – Director, Campus Community Services *

* Section 11.1 of Policy T10.01 states: “The Registrar and the Director of Campus Community 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.”
The University Board on Student Discipline dealt with nineteen cases involving allegations of academic dishonesty, and one case involving student misconduct in the period covered by the report.

In addition, two requests from students were received to extend the deadline to file an appeal. One was denied; the other granted and the deadline was extended by one week. The student subsequently abandoned the appeal. Since the appeal was abandoned, the request did not receive a case number.

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

### UBSD Membership

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<td>Joan Brockman</td>
<td>Current Members:</td>
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<td>Co-Ordinator</td>
<td>Terri Lacourse</td>
<td>Caryn Cameron</td>
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<td>(to October 2003)</td>
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<td>Reza Pourvali</td>
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<td>Tina Loo</td>
<td>Lee Simons</td>
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<td>(to June 2002)</td>
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<td>Yvonne Tabin</td>
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<td><strong>Current Members:</strong></td>
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<td>Howard Trottier</td>
<td>Harry Yang</td>
<td>Donalda Meyers</td>
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<td>Deborah Connolly</td>
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<td>Aidan Vining</td>
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Professor Joan Brockman
Co-Ordinator, University Board on Student Discipline
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<td>02-63</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student copied from another student during examination</td>
<td>Student admitted academic dishonesty. President accepted recommendation of Tribunal and suspended student for one semester. F in course to stand.</td>
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<td>02-64</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student did not take reasonable steps to protect answers from other students during examination</td>
<td>Student appealed allegation. Tribunal found that the student did not engage in academic dishonesty and Department was requested to restore student's original mid-term mark.</td>
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<td>02-65</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Plagiarism. Instructor received identical assignments from two students.</td>
<td>Student appealed allegation. Tribunal found that the student did not engage in academic dishonesty and Department was requested to re-evaluate the student's assignment and to re-calculate student's final grade.</td>
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<td>02-66</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student allowed another student to copy from course assignment</td>
<td>Student appealed allegation but withdrew the appeal prior to hearing. The original penalty imposed by the Department (zero in course assignment) will stand.</td>
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<td>02-67</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student brought crib sheets that exceeded the allowable length into final examination</td>
<td>Tribunal found that the student engaged in academic dishonesty. President accepted recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended student for one semester. F in course to stand.</td>
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<td>02-68</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student copied from another student during examination</td>
<td>Student appealed departmental finding. Department reversed the penalty on the grounds that there was doubt as to whether academic dishonesty had occurred. Student withdrew appeal.</td>
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<td>02-69</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student brought crib sheets that exceeded the allowable length into final examination</td>
<td>Student appealed departmental allegation. Tribunal found that the student did not engage in academic dishonesty. Department requested to restore student's original grade on the examination and change the final grade accordingly.</td>
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<td>03-1</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student brought crib sheets that exceeded the allowable length into final examination</td>
<td>Student admitted academic dishonesty. President accepted recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended student for one semester. Final mark in course reduced by 15 percentage points to stand.</td>
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<td>03-2</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Student brought crib sheets that exceeded the allowable length into final examination</td>
<td>Tribunal found student committed academic dishonesty. President accepted recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended student for one semester. Final mark in course reduced by 15 percentage points to stand.</td>
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<td>03-4</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. At the beginning of exam students instructed to place all</td>
<td>Student appealed departmental allegation. Tribunal found that student did not engage in academic dishonesty. Department requested to remove the report of academic dishonesty from student’s departmental file which was the only penalty levied by Department.</td>
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<td>notes on floor. Student did not take appropriate steps to conceal notes from view.</td>
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<td>03-5</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Students observed talking during examation.</td>
<td>Student appealed departmental allegation. Tribunal found that students did not engage in academic dishonesty. Department requested to remove the report of academic dishonesty from students’ departmental file which was the only penalty levied by the Department.</td>
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<td>03-6</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Plagiarism in take-home final exam.</td>
<td>Student appealed departmental allegation. Tribunal found that the student engaged in academic dishonesty. Departmental penalty (F in course) to stand.</td>
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<td>03-7</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Alteration of mid-term exam after it had been graded and</td>
<td>Student appealed departmental allegation. Appeal dismissed. Penalty imposed by Department (grade of 0 on mid-term) to stand.</td>
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<td>returned for re-grading.</td>
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<td>03-8</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Submission of falsified medical documentation to support</td>
<td>Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of Tribunal and suspended the student for three semesters.</td>
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<td>03-9</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Submission of falsified medical documentation to support</td>
<td>Tribunal found that the student had engaged in academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for three semesters.</td>
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<td>03-10</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Three incidents of plagiarism in two different classes in</td>
<td>Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and the student was suspended for two semesters. Penalty imposed by Department (zero marks for each plagiarized assignment) to stand.</td>
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<td>the same department.</td>
<td>Student’s request for an extension to file an appeal dismissed.</td>
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<td>03-11</td>
<td>Student request to extend the time limitation period to appeal allegations of</td>
<td>Student admitted academic dishonesty. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and the student was suspended for one semester. Not allowed to re-register until transcripts from other universities attended by student are submitted to the University.</td>
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<td>academic dishonesty.</td>
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<td>03-12</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Falsification of documentation for admission to the University.</td>
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<td>03-13</td>
<td>Student Misconduct. Disruptive behavior and property damage.</td>
<td>Student admitted misconduct. President accepted recommendations of the Tribunal and imposed the following penalty: four semester suspension; not permitted on any SFU campus during the period of suspension; following the suspension, the two courses required for degree completion be done by distance education and the student not permitted to attend any part of the relevant Department, including faculty offices; letter of apology must be written to those who were present when the incident took place; the outstanding amount to repair the damage caused by the incident must be paid by the student.</td>
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<td>03-14</td>
<td>Academic dishonesty. Two incidents of plagiarism in the same department in different semesters.</td>
<td>Student admitted dishonesty. The majority of the Tribunal recommended a one semester suspension; the Chair of the Tribunal recommended a minimum off three semesters. President's decision not yet received – case outstanding</td>
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The Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals dealt with no appeals in the period covered by this report.

SCODA Membership as Of June 23, 2003

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<tr>
<td>Karen Kavanagh</td>
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<td>Camilla Sears</td>
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<td>Colleen Collins-Dodd</td>
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<td>Sam Black</td>
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Secretary: Richard MacLeod

* Chair to May 31, 2003.

Dr. Karen Kavanagh
Chair, Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals
### Academic Student Discipline

**September 2002 – September 2003**

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<tr>
<th>Type of Offense</th>
<th># of cases</th>
<th>Departmental Penalty</th>
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<td>plagiarism</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>penalties ranged from 0 for the assignment to F for the course</td>
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<td>cheating</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>penalties included 0 for the assignment, letter of reprimand, or F for the course</td>
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<td>altering mid-term exam before submission for regrading</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0 for mid-term</td>
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<td>Either copied from another student’s assignment or provided access to assignment for copying</td>
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<td>Penalties included 0 for the assignment, a percentage off the graded assignment, or F for the course</td>
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Total: 33 students

W. Ronald Heath
Dean of Student Services and Registrar

November 6, 2003
Non Academic Student Discipline

November 1, 2002 - October 31, 2003

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<th>Type of Incident</th>
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<td>Shoplifting/Theft @ SFU Bookstore</td>
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<td>Harassment/Misconduct</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Informal resolve</td>
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<td>Disruptive Behaviour</td>
<td>7*</td>
<td>Informal resolve (6 cases)</td>
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<td>(some disruptive behavior resulted in property damage – only claimed one category)</td>
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<td>*1 case to UBSD</td>
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<td>Computer Misconduct</td>
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<td>Informal resolve</td>
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<td>Property Damage</td>
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Total: 11 students

Mike Dinning, Associate Dean

Student Services

November 5, 2003

* Formerly the Director of Campus Community Services