

Annual Report on Student Discipline Matters

2005/2006

University Board on Student Discipline **
Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals **
Statistical Summary – Registrar *

* **Section 11.1 of Policy T10.03 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 T10.03 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 except cases or parts of cases that the Tribunal, SCODA or the President decides should not be disclosed. Such summary shall not disclose the identities of the parties. A set of decisions which does not disclose the identities of the parties shall be maintained in the office of the Secretary of the UBSD and is available for review upon reasonable notice.

University Board on Student Discipline
Reporting Period: November 2005 – December 2006

UBSD Membership

- Faculty: David MacAlister (Co-Ordinator), Criminology (Oct 05 – Sept 08)
Greg Baker, Computing Science (Oct 04 – Sept 07)
Deborah Connolly, Psychology (Nov 05 – Oct 08, 2nd term)
Anne Macdonald, Business Administration (Sept 06 – Aug 09)
Aidan Vining, Business Administration (term ended Aug 06)
- Students: Sarah Caufield, UG Student, English/Women's Studies (Aug 06 – Aug 07)
Nathalie Gagnon, Grad. Student, Psychology (Sept 06 – Aug 07)
Colin McInnes, UG Student, Biological Sciences (Mar 06 – Feb 07)
Keith Tierney, Grad. Student, Biological Sciences (Sept 06 – Aug 07, 3rd term)
Lee Simons, Grad Student, English (4th term ended Aug 06)
Jennifer Yoon, UG Student, Economics (term ended June 06)
- Staff: Tracy Bruneau, Computing Science (Aug 04 – July 07)
Donalda Meyers, Education (Nov 05 – Oct 08, 2nd term)
Yvonne Tabin, Continuing Studies (Oct 06 – Oct 09, 3rd term)

The University Board on Student Discipline dealt with twelve cases of academic dishonesty and one case of academic misconduct in the period covered by the report. A summary of the cases dealt with by the UBSD is forwarded for the information of Senate.



David MacAlister
Coordinator, University Board on Student Discipline

| File # | Nature of Offence | Outcome |
|--------------|--|---|
| 03-18 | Academic Dishonesty – Plagiarism in 3 courses in the same department during the same term. Case referred to the UBSD in 2003 but student left Canada. Upon return in 2006 tried to obtain an official transcript which could not be released until UBSD case resolved. | Student admitted academic dishonesty. Student completed an undergraduate degree at another institution and no longer a student at SFU. President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal that the student receive a written reprimand regarding his/her conduct, and be denied readmission to the university at any time in the future for any course of study. |
| 05-10 | Academic Dishonesty. Two reported incidents of academic dishonesty discovered 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 appealed to SCODA. Appeal denied. Penalty imposed by President to stand. |
| 05-11 | Academic misconduct. Falsified admission application. | Student admitted academic misconduct. The President accepted the recommendation of the Tribunal and suspended the student for two semesters and required the student to take the English Bridge Program during period of suspension. |
| 06-1 | Academic Dishonesty. Plagiarism. | Student appealed departmental finding of plagiarism. Student's appeal denied. Departmental penalty (F grade in assignment, resulting in F grade in the course) to stand. |
| 06-2 06-3 | Academic Dishonesty – Submission of false record or information; plagiarism, cheating/plagiarism on exam | Students appealed department finding of academic dishonesty. The Tribunal resolved in favour of the students with respect to the allegation of a submission of false record/information and plagiarism by submitting an essay in which a part was allegedly copied from an author or composed by another person and presented as original work and requested the Department to re-evaluate the term paper and assign an appropriate grade. The Tribunal found that the student engaged in an act of academic dishonesty by drawing material from the internet and incorporating it into the final exam. The assigned grade for the exam allowed to stand. |
| 06-4 | Academic Dishonesty – Submission of a script for an assignment that was very similar or nearly identical to the script submitted by one (or more) of his/her classmates | Student appealed department finding of academic dishonesty but withdrew the appeal prior to formal hearing. |

- 06-5 Academic Dishonesty – Collusion with another student who retained examinations in two courses for submission at a later time for evaluation with forged note, in one instance, from university staff to a TA stating the exam had been misplaced and should be marked
- 06-6 Academic Dishonesty – Collusion with another student; retention of examinations in two courses for submission at a later time for evaluation with forged note, in one instance, from university staff to a TA stating the exam had been misplaced and should be marked
- 06-7 Academic Dishonesty – Cheating with hand-written notes while writing mid-term examination
- 06-8 Academic Dishonesty – Cheating with hand-written notes while writing mid-term examination
- 06-9 Academic Dishonesty – Submission of a falsified doctor's note for missed mid-semester test
- Student appealed department finding of academic dishonesty. Student exonerated from any wrongdoing.
- Student appealed department finding of academic dishonesty. Student's appeal denied. Tribunal found student guilty of multiple acts of academic dishonesty and acts of student misconduct arising from the retention of exam papers and in submitting the exam papers, or causing them to be submitted, at a later time for marking accompanied in one case by a notation implicating an uninvolved party in the scheme, and in another case by a forged note impersonating a university official and implicating an uninvolved party in the scheme. Tribunal found that the student had engaged in multiple acts of misconduct and dishonesty and recommends permanent suspension from the University, and the F grades assigned by the Department in the two courses be allowed to stand. **President's decision outstanding.**
- Student admitted the academic dishonesty. Tribunal recommends that the student receive a letter grade of F for the course and recommends that a formal letter of reprimand be sent to the student and a copy retained in the student's university file. **President's decision outstanding.**
- Student admitted the academic dishonesty. Tribunal recommended that student receive a letter grade of F for the course in question which he/she withdrew from and receive a formal letter of reprimand which would be kept in the student's university file. If not possible to change the grade in the course from WD to F, the Tribunal recommends that the student be suspended for one semester in addition to the formal letter of reprimand. President accepted the alternate recommendation of the UBSD and suspended the student for one semester. No provision in policy that would permit substituting a WD with an F – President has requested that the issue be examined with a view to amending policy. **Period of appeal to SCODA outstanding.**
- Student admitted the academic dishonesty. Tribunal recommends that the student receive a one semester suspension and wishes to leave the assessment of an appropriate grade in the course with the department. **President's decision outstanding.**

06-10

Academic Dishonesty –
Impersonation of SFU Professor in
attempt to obtain instructor
material from publishing company
for the course the student was
registered in

Case outstanding

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals
Reporting Period: December 2005 to December 2006

The Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals dealt with four appeals in the period covered by this report. Three of the cases stemmed from one class wide incident involving students electronically sharing an assignment. The three students withdrew their appeal upon reading the full extent of the details submitted by the department. The fourth case was an appeal regarding when the penalty imposed by the President should come into effect. The letter from the president was not explicit and this led to confusion on the part of the student who was ready to graduate.

All these 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 the case of the other 3 appeals they were withdrawn before the hearing.

SCODA Membership as of December, 2006

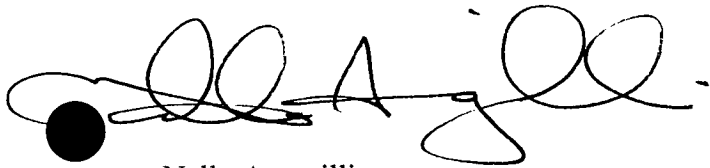
| <u>Faculty</u> | <u>Students</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cathy D'Andrea-Chair | Grant Jenzen |
| Cyril Thong-Vice Chair | Amanda van Baarsen |
| Bruce Kadonoff | Sarah Caufield |
| Ron Woodbury | Karen Tse |
| | Scott Byers |
| Secretary: Richard MacLeod | |

Academic Discipline Report

November 1, 2005 - October 31, 2006

| Type of Incident: | No. of Cases: | Outcome: |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Cheating (allowing copying of own or another students work) | 1 case involving 117 students | Zero mark on the assignment and 4% penalty on course |
| Plagiarism | 3 | Penalties range from resubmitting work to F grade for the course |
| Academic Dishonesty | 1 | Letter of reprimand |

**Total: 121 students



Nello Angerilli,
Associate Vice-President Students and International
and Registrar (acting)

November 27, 2006

**Data collection may not be complete

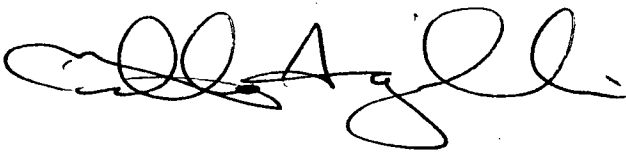
Non Academic Student Discipline

November 1, 2005 - October 31, 2006

| Type of Incident: | No. of Cases: | Resolution: |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Shoplifting/Theft @ SFU Bookstore | 14 | Informal resolution |
| Harassment/Misconduct | 42 | Informal resolution |
| Disruptive Behaviour | 12 | Informal resolution |
| Property Damage | 5 | Informal resolution |
| Other | 15 | Informal resolution |

Total: 78 students

11 students involved in one misconduct incident



Nello Angerilli,
Associate Vice-President Students and International
and Registrar (acting)

November 27, 2006