

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). A summary of the cases heard by UBSD and SCODA is attached for the information of Senate.

University Board on Student Discipline

The University Board on Student Discipline dealt with six cases in the period September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999. Of the six cases heard by the UBSD, four cases involved allegations of academic dishonesty (2 cases of falsification of documents, 2 cases where someone else's work was submitted as student's own work), and two cases of non-academic misconduct. In all cases, the Board determined that the alleged offences had taken place and recommended penalty to the President.

Case 98-6 was dealt with in the period covered by the 1997/98 Annual Report but has been included in order to update the SCODA decision which was outstanding at the time that the report was presented last year.

Case 98-9 involved the purchase of an essay from an essay writing agency and the UBSD was asked to look at the issue of student use of paper mills and the University's response to the problem. The UBSD canvassed members of the Board, the Ombudsoffice, and the Director, Secretariat Services, and came up with a number of suggestions which it forwarded to the President and the Chair of the Committee to Review the Student Conduct Policies.

UBSD Membership

Faculty	Students	Staff
Eng Choo James Ogloff Sheila Roberts	Vishal Bajpai Richard Walters Diane Wallace	Barbara Leighs Michael Murdock Caryn Cameron



Professor Joan Brockman
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University Board on Student Discipline

Student Discipline Summary – 1998/1999

Case #	Nature of Offence	Outcome
98-6	Non-academic misconduct. Student sent anonymous threatening and abusive e-mail to four faculty members.	President suspended the student for six semesters. Student not allowed to return to SFU unless student provides Registrar with a letter from a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist that student does not pose a risk to faculty, staff or students. The student appealed to SCODA.
98-7	Falsified information on SFU application for admission. Student failed to disclose attendance at another post-secondary institution on SFU application for admission.	Student admitted the omission. Tribunal found student's behaviour was negligent. President suspended student for two semesters. Not required to re-apply for admission.
98-8	Forged signatures on application to retroactively withdraw from three courses	Student admitted forgery. President suspended student for three semesters. Student not currently attending SFU. Suspension to commence upon student's return to SFU.
98-9	Submission of an essay (purchased from an essay writing agency) as own work	Student admitted academic dishonesty. Penalty imposed by Department (F in course) to stand, and President suspended student for three semesters.
98-10	Theft of another classmate's mid-term examination (worth 25% of final grade) and submission of it as own work	Student admitted academic dishonesty. Penalty imposed by Department (F in course) to stand, and President permanently suspended student from the University. The student appealed to SCODA.
99-1	Non-academic misconduct. Student pied the Attorney General during University event on campus.	President suspended student for two semesters and required student to write a letter of apology to persons involved. The student appealed to SCODA.
99-2	Non-academic misconduct. Fraudulent use of another person's credit card on several occasions by student while participating in a University sponsored event.	Student admitted misconduct. President suspended student for one semester.

Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals

This report covers the period September 1, 1998 – August 31, 1999. During that period, the Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals dealt with two appeals. The hearing on a third appeal was deferred until October, 1999, at the appellant's request. The result of that appeal is included in this report since the appeal would normally have been held within the reporting period.

Of the three cases heard by SCODA, two involved non-academic misconduct and the third concerned the theft and subsequent submission of another student's work as the student's own. All cases were appealed on the basis of University Policy T10-04, section 4.1b), "that the penalty imposed was inappropriate". It was also true of all cases that the evidence considered in setting the original penalties was uncontested at the SCODA appeal.

SCODA Membership

Faculty		Students	
Sam Black	(To 2000)*	Jessica Bowering	(To 2000)
Dara Culhane	(To 1999)	Lawrence Ho	(To 2000)
Jenifer Thewalt	(Chair to May 2001)	Toni MacArthur	(To 1999)
Kathleen Akins	(Chair to May 1999)	Caroline Murdoch	(To 1999)
Stacy Pigg	(To 1999)	Brian Peterson	(To 1999)
Joseph Peters	(To 2001)	Colin Percival	(To 2001)
Colleen Collins-Dodd	(To 2000)	Shauna Reist	(To 2000)
David Paterson	(To 2000)	Joseph Emerson	(To 2000)

*All appointments officially end on May 31 of the appropriate year.



Jenifer Thewalt, Chair
Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals

Student Disciplinary Appeals Summary—1998 – 1999

Case #	Nature of Offence	Outcome
98-1	Non-academic misconduct. Student sent anonymous threatening and abusive email to four faculty members. (UBSD 98-6)	SCODA denied the appeal and clarified the penalty. Registered psychologist or psychiatrist must have SCODA documents and findings in hand when making assessment of risk prefatory to the University determining the student's request to return.
99-1	Student stole another classmate's mid-term examination (worth 25% of final grade) and submitted it as own work. (UBSD 98-10)	SCODA varied the penalty by reducing a permanent suspension to a six semester suspension. SCODA determined that the penalty was excessive in light of penalties assessed in other cases.
99-2	<p>Non-academic misconduct. Student pied the Attorney General during University event on campus. (UBSD 99-1)</p> <p>Note: This case would normally have been heard over the Summer, but was delayed until October at the request of the appellant.</p>	SCODA varied the penalty, reducing a two semester suspension to a one-semester suspension with 20 hours of community service work to be assigned by the Dean of Student Services during the student's next registered semester. Letters of apology to the Attorney General and the Criminology Students Union also are required.