

MEMO

TO: Senators

FROM: Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs)

DATE: February 8th, 2021

RE: **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties
Reporting Period October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Under the *Faculty Discipline Procedures Concerning Allegations of Academic Offences*, a ratification review meeting is held within 14 calendar days of the Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) receiving a Faculty Academic Integrity Officer (AIO) Assessment and Recommended Penalty which the student has accepted. The Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) and a student Senator appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union jointly review the finding and agreed penalty to determine whether the process followed is consistent with the *Faculty Discipline Procedures*. The decision on ratification must be unanimous. The AIO finding and agreed penalty shall stand, despite possible insubstantial procedural errors.

The Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) reports quarterly to Senate on the results of ratification review meetings conducted during the reporting period. The following statistics are reported in comparison to the same quarter (Oct-Dec) in 2019-2020.

Ratification Review Meetings Held: Oct 7, 21
Nov 12, 26
Dec 10

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received	77	204
AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified	77	204

Academic Offence	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Plagiarism	53	79
Unauthorized Collaboration	6	35
Plagiarism/Unauthorized Collaboration	3	0
Copying/Aided towards Copying	1	0
Cheating on exam / test	7	78
Self- Plagiarism	1	7
Aided in the commission of an academic offence	0	3
Attempting to gain unearned advantage	1	0
Misrepresentation/Falsified Data	4	0
Use of unauthorized materials- exam/test	1	0
Cheating on assignment	0	2

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Penalties		
Writing Workshop Requirement	51	89
Grade of “0” for the assignment/ exam	36	119
Reduction of final grade/ grade capped for class	9	41
Grade for exam / assignment capped	3	2

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Reduction of grade for assignment/ exam	3	20
Notation on transcript	12	86
Grade of “0” on a portion of the assignment/ exam	5	6
Warning; reprimand only	17	11
Failure of course	2	10
Resubmit assignment	2	19
Academic Integrity Module	6	39
Submit an additional assignment	1	0
Grade capped for course	2	3
Workshops: Smart Goals/ Manage Time/Avoid Procrastination	1	0
Penalty to be determined by SDC	0	5
Submit self-reflection paper	0	3
Grade of Marginal failure applied	0	2

The number of penalties is greater than the number of matters ratified, as there can be more than one penalty recommended by the AIO and accepted by the student. For example, one student might experience both failure of the class and a notation on the transcript.

Breakdown of Offences by Faculty- 2020-21

Faculty	Plagiarism	Unauthorized Collaboration	Cheating on exam/test	Self-Plagiarism	Aiding in commission of academic offence	Cheating on assignment
Agriculture	7	1				
Architecture & Planning						
Arts & Social Sciences	10	8	2			
College of Continuing Education	2			2		
College of Sustainability	13			1		
Computer Science	16	4	57			1
Dentistry						
Engineering	13		3			
Graduate Studies						
Health	6					
Law						
Management	8	21		4	2	
Medicine						
Science	2	1	16		1	1
University of King's College	2					

Respectfully submitted by Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on February 8th, 2021.

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1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from Oct- Dec 2020

Canadian	56
International	132
Permanent Resident	14
Refugee	0
Landed Immigrant	2

Total: 204 students

2. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from Oct- Dec 2019

Canadian	28
International	45
Permanent Resident	4
Refugee	0

Total: 77 students