

# DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

## MEMO

**TO:** Senators

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

**DATE:** Sept 14, 2020

**RE:** **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties  
Reporting Period April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020

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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 (April-June) in 201A

	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<b>Academic Offence</b>			
Plagiarism	126	160	169
Self- Plagiarism	4	5	4
Cheating on exam / test	2	21	64
Cheating on assignment	0	0	12
Unauthorized Collaboration	28	19	40
Use of unauthorized materials (exam/test)	2	7	5
Submission of work for academic credit when one is not the sole author/creator	4	0	0
Copying	92	83	0
Aided towards Copying/Cheating	5	1	0
Falsified data/information	3	1	2
Aiding in the commission of an academic offence	1	2	5
Copyright Infringement	0	1	0
To gain un-earned advantage	0	1	4

	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<b>Penalties</b>			
Failure of course	13	8	21
Grade for exam/ assignment capped	11	19	4
Grade of “0” for the assignment/ exam	198	165	128
Notation on transcript	64	106	139
Reduction of final grade/grade capped	163	107	93
Reduction of grade for assignment/ exam	13	66	59
Resubmit/rewrite assignment	14	41	7
Warning/ reprimand only	9	24	19
Writing centre requirement	160	161	95
Writing centre recommendation	5	5	7
Academic Integrity Module	100	73	63
Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	6	9	32
Must attend ethics workshop	46	37	0
Write an essay on wrongdoing and what led to the error	1	3	0
Meet with advisor to discuss finding, impact on program and career options	2	3	0
Assignment mark to be included in calculation of final grade	1	0	0

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-2019-2020

Faculty	Plagiarism	Self Plagiarism	Cheating on test/ exam
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1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2020

Canadian	86
International	201
Permanent Resident	12
Refugee	1

Total: 300 students

1. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2019

Canadian	99
International	188
Permanent Resident	13
Refugee	1

Total: 301 students

2. AIO Stats on Citizenship Status from April-June 2018

Canadian	93
International	158
Permanent Resident	15
Refugee	0

Total: 266 students