

# MEMO

**TO:** Senators

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

**DATE:** February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_. 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

| <b>Academic Offence</b>               | <b><u>2019-2020</u></b> | <b><u>2020-2021</u></b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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-                                 |                         |                         |

|   | <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                          |                       |                 |  |                        |

