

STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT

(01 September 2002 to 31 August 2003)

Under section 61 of the *University Act*, the President of the University has authority to impose discipline on students for academic and non-academic offences (see pages 48 & 49 of the 2002/2003 University Calendar). Discipline cases are summarized on the website of the Office of the University Counsel, www.universitycounsel.ubc.ca, on a regular basis, and this annual report is published in the UBC Reports.

In the period September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003, **75** students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline and **66** were subsequently disciplined. For each case, the events leading to the imposition of the discipline and the discipline imposed are summarized below. Discipline may vary depending upon the circumstances of a particular case.

1. A student cheated on a midterm examination by copying the work of another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

2. A student substantially altered answers on his/her quiz paper and returned the quiz paper to the instructor requesting that it be re-evaluated.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

3. A student was involved in two incidents of academic misconduct; specifically that (1) he/she brought unauthorized material (printed notes) into a final examination; and (2) he/she plagiarized from the unauthorized material.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

4. A graduate requested to have his/her degree, which was conferred many years earlier, rescinded by the University, due to an academic misconduct he/she committed. In particular, as a student he/she submitted someone else's essay as his/her own material in a course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course, with transcript being amended accordingly, and a suspension of the degree until the course, or an equivalent, is successfully completed.

5. A student allegedly plagiarized a paper from papers found on the Internet.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and that the student's major be removed from his/her degree*.

6. A student (1) brought unauthorized material (handwritten notes) in to a final examination and (2) he/she submitted work as his/her own that was the work of another person, which was substantially plagiarized from the web.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

7. A student copied material from the examination paper of another student during a final examination.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

8. A student was intoxicated and acted in an inappropriate manner in front of a Campus building and failed to show respect to the Campus Security personnel.
Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

9. A student submitted a paper that was completely plagiarized from two sources on the Internet.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

10. A student committed plagiarism in four incidents.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the four courses and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

11. A student cheated during an examination by verbal communication with two other students.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.

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Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.

16. A student altered answers on a midterm examination and returned the exam to the instructor requesting that it be re-graded.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

17. A student submitted an assignment that was essentially identical to the same assignment submitted by another student, and both students exchanged sections of the assignment and copied from each other's work.

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19. A student requested to have his/her undergraduate degree, which was conferred years earlier, rescinded by the University due to his/her academic misconduct during his/her last two academic years. In particular, the student submitted essays and dissertations written by someone else in a number of courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero in all of the courses with the transcript being amended accordingly and the degree be annulled.

20. A student cheated during an examination by copying answers from a student sitting in front and from a student who sat beside him/her.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

21. A student allegedly cheated during a final examination by attempting to consult notes in a washroom during the exam. The notes were left in the washroom prior to the exam.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand.

22. A student failed to disclose his/her previous attendance at a college, where he/she was under academic probation, at the time he/she applied for admission to UBC. Had the student's academic record from the college been taken into account, he/she would not have been admitted into UBC.

Discipline: In order for the student to be re-admitted to his/her program at UBC, he/she must re-apply for admission as a new applicant and that he/she must meet the requirements for a new applicant.

23. A student allegedly altered some answers on a midterm examination that had been returned to him/her and that he/she submitted the examination for re-grading.

Outcome: The allegation was dismissed and no disciplinary action imposed.

24. A student cheated by submitting his/her midterm examination for marking, claiming that it had been handed back unmarked, when the exam in fact had been taken from the examination room and not submitted at the time of the exam.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

25. A student collaborated inappropriately with another student in producing his/her assignment answers.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

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27. A student submitted a forged enrolment letter in support of an application for employment and forged the signature of a university employee.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 8 months*.

28. A student: (1) altered some answers on a midterm examination and returned the examination to the instructor for re-grading; and (2) collaborated with another student on some assignments.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

29. A student plagiarized a portion of his/her assignment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand.

30. A student misappropriated laboratory specimens belonging to other students in the course and submitted them as having collected them him/herself.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.

31. A student cheated by bringing unauthorized notes (crib sheet) into an examination and referred to them during the exam.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

32. A student allegedly did not hand in his/her examination to the invigilator at the termination of the exam period and that he/she removed the examination from the exam room.

Outcome: Allegation could not be substantiated by the available evidence and was dismissed.

33. A student plagiarized an essay from an Internet source.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

34. A student allegedly: (1) plagiarized an assignment by using answers obtained from an official marking guide for a similar assignment used in the previous year in the course; (2) had unauthorized access to an official marking guide for a final examination; and (3) his/her official grade for a course that was contained in a file in an office computer was altered in an unauthorized manner and his/her grade raised.

Outcome: The allegations could not be substantiated due to the lack of clear and convincing evidence. However, the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline concluded that the student had lied to a Professor when he/she denied knowledge of any other classmates in the course and that the student's answers were evasive and unconvincing. A letter of reprimand was issued.

35. A student allegedly cheated in a final examination by breaching the regulations for the exam that forbade having at the place of writing a calculator, and by having chemical formulae written in pencil on the calculator.

Outcome: Allegation could not be substantiated by the available evidence and was dismissed. No disciplinary action imposed.

36. A student committed plagiarism by submitting work that was nearly identical to another student's.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the assignment and a letter of reprimand.

37. A student allegedly committed several academic misconducts in four courses, and failed to respond to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline with respect to these allegations.

- Outcome:** The student is not permitted to register at the University until he/she meets with the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline and that a freeze be placed on his/her academic transcript pending the meeting.
38. A student allegedly failed to disclose his/her previous attendance at a Canadian University at the time he/she applied for admission to UBC, as he/she was required to do.
- Outcome:** Allegation was dismissed and no disciplinary action imposed.
39. A student cheated during an examination by collaborating with another student.
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41. A student submitted falsified transcripts from an out-of-country language institute in support of his/her application to UBC.
- Discipline:** A suspension from the University for 12 months*.
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- Discipline:** A suspension from the University for 12 months*.
43. A student allegedly committed plagiarism by submitting work that was nearly identical to another student's.
- Outcome:** Allegation was dismissed and no disciplinary action imposed.
44. A student plagiarized an answer to a question on an assignment by copying material from a website.
- Discipline:** A mark of zero on the assignment and a letter of reprimand.

45. A student cheated during an examination by having unauthorized material (a cheat sheet of notes) relating to the course material in his/her possession and by referring to it in the locker room while the exam was in progress.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course, a suspension from the University for 12 months* and a recommendation that the student seek counselling.

46. A student allegedly committed an act of plagiarism in that several answers on his/her assignment appeared to be in the same order and often contained the same wording as on a marking guide used in the previous year.

Outcome: The allegation was dismissed, and no disciplinary action imposed.

47. A student collaborated with another student beyond the agreed-upon course limits when submitting his/her assignment. The student signed a statement that he/she was aware of the course policies, but failed to report the collaboration on the submission of the assignment.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months*.

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Discipline: A suspension from the University for 4 months*.

49. A student committed an act of plagiarism by handing in an essay that included sections taken from sources on the Internet that were not credited in the essay or in the bibliography.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand.

50. A student committed two academic misconducts: (1) he/she committed plagiarism when he/she produced an assignment using information obtained directly from a student who had taken the course previously and (2) the student cheated on another assignment.

Discipline: A mark of zero in each course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

51. A student committed an act of plagiarism by copying answers to a series of assignments from another student's answer key and submitting them as his/her own work.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 2 months*.

52. A student cheated in two incidents: (1) by writing a quiz in another tutorial section the day before his/her actual quiz was to be written, and handing in his/her exam with a false name and fake student number; and (2) by speaking to another student during a quiz in the actual tutorial section in which he/she was registered.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

53. A student brought unauthorized material (hand-written notes) into a final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months*.

54. A student forged a note from a doctor and submitted it as grounds for being allowed a standing deferred examination.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 6 months*.

55. A student plagiarized a term paper by using material copied directly from websites and submitted the paper as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months*.

56. A student falsified facts in a report for a course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

57. A student stole money from another student while they were in a co-op placement.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months*.

58. A student arranged for another person to write his/her examination.
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61. A student submitted a term paper that was substantially plagiarized from the text of two books.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of severe reprimand*.
62. A student submitted an essay that was substantially plagiarized from a publication found on the Internet.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of severe reprimand*.
63. A student submitted a term paper that was substantially plagiarized from a journal article.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.
64. A student submitted a term paper that was substantially plagiarized from a number of websites.
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Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

66. A student admitted to submitting a term paper of which a substantial portion was copied from a published book.

Discipline: Taking into account extenuating circumstances, a letter of reprimand was issued.

67. A student arranged for another person to write his/her exams.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months*.

68. A student brought unauthorized material (a computer disk) into a final examination and made use of it during the exam.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

69. A student committed plagiarism by gaining access to another student's assignment solutions from the previous term, without his/her knowledge and consent, and using the solutions to draft his/her assignments and submitting the assignments as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

70. A student was suspected of giving another student access to assignment solutions from the previous term which were used by another student to commit plagiarism.

Outcome: The student was found not to have given access to the assignment solutions and the allegation was dismissed and no disciplinary action imposed.

71. A student breached course policy by giving his/her user name and password to his/her computer account to another student.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

72. A student brought unauthorized material (index cards) into a final examination and made use of the material during the exam.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

73. A student arranged for another person to write his/her exam.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months*.

74. A student marked several questions of his/her exam paper in red pen during the exam in order to falsify grades and then handed it in to the invigilator.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

75. A student was verbally abusive towards a Professor; struck the Professor's cabinet with his/her fist; and threatened and spat at a Teaching Assistant.

Discipline: A letter of severe reprimand.

* In all cases indicated by an asterisk, a notation of disciplinary action is entered on the student's transcript. At any time after two years have elapsed from the date of his or her graduation the student may apply to the President to exercise her discretion to remove the notation.

Students under disciplinary suspension from UBC may not take courses at other institutions for transfer of credit back to UBC.