

STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT

(1 September 1997 to 31 August 1998)

Under section 58 of the University Act the President of the University has authority to impose discipline on students for academic and non-academic offences (see page 44 of the 1998/99 University Calendar). A summary of such disciplinary cases is published on a regular basis, without disclosing the names of students involved.

In the period 1 September 1997 to 31 August 1998, 22 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline and 20 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 was involved in a cheating incident on a final examination.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and suspension from the University for 7 months*.

2. A student committed plagiarism/cheated in a term paper.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a mark of zero on the paper and a letter of reprimand.

3. A student committed plagiarism in a term paper.

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

4. A student was involved in a cheating incident on a final examination.

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

5. A student was involved in a cheating incident on a December examination.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a mark of zero for the December examination and a letter of reprimand.

6. A student committed plagiarism on a course assignment.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and degree not to be awarded prior to November 1999 convocation regardless of when the degree requirements are met*.

7. A student was involved in a non-academic misconduct incident in a University building.

Discipline: a suspension from the University for 4 months*. The suspension was upheld when appealed before the Senate Committee on Student Appeals on Academic Discipline.

8. A student alleged to have been involved in a cheating incident on a final examination did not respond to repeated attempts to arrange for a hearing before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline.

Discipline: future registration blocked until student appears before the Committee and notation on transcript to this effect.

9. A student committed plagiarism in a term paper in each of two courses.

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

10. A student was involved in misconduct involving the inappropriate use of the University's computing facilities.

Discipline: a letter of severe reprimand and suspension of the University's computing privileges for 8 months*.

11. A student was alleged to have failed to submit the final examination paper in a course.

Outcome: charge dismissed; allegation could not be substantiated from a consideration of the available evidence.

12. A student was involved in a cheating incident during a final examination.

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

13. A student was alleged to have colluded with another student in the writing of a mid-term examination.

Outcome: charge dismissed; allegation could not be substantiated from a consideration of the available evidence.

14. A student was involved in cheating incident on a mid-term examination.

Discipline: in the special circumstances, a mark of zero for the exam and a letter of reprimand.

15. A student was involved in a cheating incident in a mid-term examination.

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

16. A student submitted the same paper to satisfy the requirements of two separate courses.

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

17. A student submitted an altered transcript and a fraudulent letter with a forged signature in support of an application for transfer of credits from another University.

Discipline: a suspension from the University for 12 months* and degree not to be awarded prior to May 1999 convocation regardless of when the degree requirements are met.

18. A student was involved in a cheating incident during a final examination.

Discipline: a mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*. An appeal to the Senate Committee on University Appeals on Academic Discipline resulted in a change in the suspension period to 8 months*.

19. A student was involved in a cheating incident during a final examination.

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

20. A student was involved in a cheating incident during a final examination.

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

21. A student was alleged to have been involved in a cheating incident during a final examination.

Outcome: charge dismissed; allegation could not be substantiated in consideration of the available evidence. However, student issued with a letter of reprimand for negligence in exposing paper to potential examination candidates and for failing to follow regulations provided with the examination.

22. A student substituted another student's mid-term examination paper for own examination paper.

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

- * 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.