

2016/2017

Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017

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 the 2016/2017 University Calendar). A summary of such disciplinary cases for UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan is posted, without disclosing the names of the students involved.

In the period September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017, 35 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline, and 13 students appeared before the President's UBC Vancouver and Okanagan Non-Academic Misconduct Committee, and 43 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.

UBC Vancouver – Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her Ph.D. dissertation from published works of multiple authors.

Discipline: Required to thoroughly revise dissertation to remove all aspects of plagiarism, review and approve by a re-constituted supervisory committee and the Faculty; may require a formal doctoral examination; the revised and approved dissertation will be placed in cIRcle with a complete explanation of the changes made and why*.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material into the midterm examination and making use of that material during the examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course; required to write a letter of apology to the instructor, chair of the program and associate dean detailing the extent of his/her cheating and fully apologize for the impact of his/her actions.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by completing an assessment evaluation form without authorization for his/her course practicum.

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

4. A student committed academic misconduct by attempting to change his/her grade in a course on the teaching assistant's computer while the teaching assistant left her laptop unattended during the midterm examination review.

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

5. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay that contained material plagiarized from published sources.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final paper that was plagiarized from published sources. (Student did not respond to repeated requests from the Committee to schedule a hearing)

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final paper; prevented from registering for any UBC course until he/she has met in person with Faculty advising.

7. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that was plagiarized from online sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*.

8. A student committed academic misconduct by copying answers from those of another student during a midterm examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the midterm examination*.

9. A student was alleged to have committed academic misconduct by copying answers from those of another student during a midterm examination.

Outcome: No formal imposition of discipline in this case.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by consulting course notes on his/her cellphone during a final examination.

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

11. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a falsified report for the laboratory test in the course.

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

12. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting multiple assignments that contained answers he/she copied from the course instructor's answer guides.

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

13. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing answers on his/her second midterm examination from online sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

14. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing unauthorized material into a final examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final examination.

15. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay that was copied from another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

16. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that contained passages plagiarized from online sources.

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

17. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting papers in two courses that were purchased online via a website.

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

18. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that contained material plagiarized from online sources. [Second offense]

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

19. A student committed academic misconduct by consulting study notes on his/her cellphone in the final examination. [Second offense]

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*; required to submit a report to the PACSD Chair describing the actions he/she took during his/her suspension to address the circumstances that led to the misconduct and to ensure that he/she is well-prepared to act honestly and with integrity in the future.

20. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a lab assignment that was plagiarized from that of another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course.

21. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a group assignment that contained material he/she copied from another group.

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

22. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an altered medical note in order to avoid taking the final examination.

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

23. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that contained plagiarized content.

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

24. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting papers in two courses that contained plagiarized material.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the assignment in one course and a mark of zero in the course for the other course.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a project report that was plagiarized from internet sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the course*.

26. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a project report that contained material that was plagiarized from an online source.

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

27. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting forged travel documentation to support his/her illegitimate request for an academic concession to write an examination early.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

28. A student committed academic misconduct by looking at course notes while in the washroom during a final examination.

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

29. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that was plagiarized from online sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

30. A student committed academic misconduct by (i) submitting term papers in two courses that contained material plagiarized from other sources; and (ii) engaging a commercial service to write a term paper in another course.

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

31. A student committed academic misconduct by utilizing unauthorized notes in a midterm examination.

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

UBC Vancouver – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct by committing incidents of sexual assault and harassment, in violation of UBC Policy #3: Discrimination and Harassment.

Discipline: Required to withdraw from the program; a suspension from the University for 8 months; and prohibited from access to the University campus for the duration of the suspension except for the stated circumstances**. Not

permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form of manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant.

2. A student committed non-academic misconduct under the Student Code of Conduct by engaging in non-consensual sexual relations.

Discipline: Expelled from the University; may not reapply to the University for admission; permanent (non-removable) record of disciplinary action entered on transcript.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct by engaging in sexual misconduct (specifically sexual assault) under UBC Policy #131: Sexual Assault and Other Sexual Misconduct.

Discipline: Suspension from the University for 12 months**. Not permitted to have any communication or contact, in any form or manner, directly and indirectly, with the complainant.

UBC Okanagan – Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a term paper that included passages taken from an online source.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting assignments that were plagiarized from a variety of published sources.

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

3. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting false medical records in an effort to obtain later withdrawal from two courses.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by copying and pasting text from a website without citing the source.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by copying material for his/her report assignment without acknowledgment.

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

6. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper where substantial content was inserted without acknowledgement or citation.

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

UBC Okanagan – Non-Academic Misconduct Cases

1. A student committed non-academic misconduct by consuming alcohol in contravention of a previous sanction.

Discipline: Restriction from being on-campus for any purpose beyond attending classes or exams until end of term (April 2017); non-academic probation effective until end of term; extension of one year restriction from consuming alcohol on campus or being under the influence of alcohol until Sep 2017.

2. A student committed offenses relating to the consumption of what appeared to be an illegal substance.

Discipline: Continue Notice of Trespass until April 2018 and required to write letters of apology to residence advisors.

3. A student was alleged to have committed non-academic misconduct against persons under the Student Code of Conduct 4.2.1.

Outcome: There was insufficient evidence to conclude that he/she had committed non-academic misconduct. The allegation was dismissed.

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Outcome: There was insufficient evidence to conclude that he/she had committed non-academic misconduct. The allegation was dismissed.

5. A student committed non-academic misconduct by harassing female patrons and staff, and by being verbally aggressive and threatening to the staff and Campus Security.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months**; permanently excluded from living in, or being physically present in, any UBC Student Residences.

6. A student committed non-academic misconduct by engaging in conduct that created conditions that endangered the health, safety and well-being of another student.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months**; permanently excluded from living in UBC student residence.

7. A student committed non-academic misconduct by engaging in conduct that created conditions that endangered the health, safety and well-being of another student.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months**; permanently excluded from living in UBC student residence.

8. A student committed non-academic misconduct by engaging in conduct that created conditions that endangered the health, safety and well-being of another student.

Discipline: A suspension from the University for 12 months**; permanently excluded from living in UBC student residence.

9. A student was alleged to have committed non-academic misconduct against persons under the Student Code of Conduct 4.2.

Outcome: The allegation advanced by the complainant and the evidence were not supported by the findings of fact. The allegation is dismissed.

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Outcome: The allegation advanced by the complainant and the evidence were not supported by the findings of fact. The allegation is dismissed.

* 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 his 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.

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