

## MEMO

**TO:** Senators

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

**DATE:** June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**RE:** **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties  
Reporting Period January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

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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 (Jan-Mar) in 2020-2021.

Ratification Review Meetings Held:                  Jan 17  
    Feb 3, 18  
    Mar 4, 21

|   | <u>2020-2021</u> | <u>2021-2022</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <b>AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received</b> | <b>507</b>       | <b>237</b>       |
| <b>AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified</b> | <b>507</b>       | <b>237</b>       |

| <b>Academic Offence</b>                      | <b><u>2020-2021</u></b> | <b><u>2021-2022</u></b> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Plagiarism                                   | 226                     | 117                     |
| Unauthorized Collaboration                   | 117                     | 58                      |
| Plagiarism/Unauthorized Collaboration        | 8                       | 1                       |
| Use of unauthorized materials/ exam/test     | 14                      | 0                       |
| Falsified Data                               | 2                       | 1                       |
| Self-plagiarism                              | 3                       | 2                       |
| Aiding in the commission of academic offence | 4                       | 1                       |
| Copying/Cheating on assignment or exam       | 132                     | 56                      |
| Plagiarism/To gain unfair advantage          | 1                       | 1                       |

| <b>Penalties</b>                                  | <b><u>2020-2021</u></b> | <b><u>2021-2022</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Writing centre requirement                        | 150                     | 56                      |
| Academic Integrity Module                         | 138                     | 95                      |
| One-on-one session with specified resource person | 2                       | 1                       |
| Meet with advisor to discuss program              | 3                       | 0                       |
| Meet with AIO to discuss academic honesty         | 0                       | 2                       |
| Study for Success Workshop                        | 0                       | 3                       |
| Warning   | 23                      | 8                       |
| Resubmit assignment                               | 15                      | 9                       |
| Grade of "0" on portion of assignment/exam        | 54                      | 8                       |
| Grade of "0" for assignment/exam                  | 237                     | 132                     |
| Grade for exam/assignment capped                  | 9                       | 2                       |
| Reduction of grade for assignment/exam            | 111                     | 33                      |
| Reduction of final grade/capped grade for class   | 105                     | 82                      |
| Penalty TBD by SDC                                | 2                       | 10                      |
| Notation on transcript                            | 174                     | 96                      |
| Failure of course                                 | 31                      | 13                      |

Breakdown of academic offences by Faculty for Jan-Mar 2022

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.

| Faculty                                       | Plagiarism | Unauthorized Collaboration | Falsified Data | Plagiarism/Unauth Collaboration | Self-plagiarism | Aiding in commission of offence | Copying/Cheating on assignment | Cheating on exam/test | To gain unearned advantage |
|---|------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Agriculture                                   | 6          |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Architecture & Planning                       |            |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Arts & Social Sciences                        | 37         | 8                          |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Faculty of Open Learning & Career Development |            |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| College of Sustainability                     | 8          | 1                          |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Computer Science                              | 27         | 43                         |                |                                 |                 |                                 | 27                             | 8                     |                            |
| Dentistry                                     |            |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Engineering                                   |            |                            |                |                                 |                 | 1                               | 1                              | 9                     |                            |
| Graduate Studies                              | 1          |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Health  | 4          |                            |                |                                 | 1               |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Law   |            |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Management                                    | 18         | 4                          |                | 1                               | 1               |                                 |                                | 9                     | 1                          |
| Medicine                                      |            |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |
| Science                                       | 12         | 2                          | 1              |                                 |                 |                                 |                                | 2                     |                            |
| University of King's College                  | 4          |                            |                |                                 |                 |                                 |                                |                       |                            |

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

AIO Stats on citizenship status

1. January- March 2021

Canadian- 222

International- 266

Permanent Resident- 19

Refugee- 0

**Total students: 507**

2. January-March 2022

Canadian- 70

International- 155

Permanent Resident- 12

Refugee- 0

**Total students: 237**

