

Office of Student Tribunals Annual Academic Hearing Report Summer 2019 to Winter 2020

In accordance with Article 94 of the Academic Code of Conduct (the “Code”), this report details the number and type of charges laid under the Code and their disposition and is presented at the September meeting of Senate. In addition, enclosed herewith is a table with the breakdown of the type of charges laid under the Code (schedule A).

The specific breakdown by Faculty for 2019-2020 as at July 1, 2020 is provided below:

Faculty	INCIDENT REPORTS	CHARGES DISMISSED AT FACULTY LEVEL		CHARGES UPHELD AT FACULTY LEVEL		INCIDENT REPORTS PENDING DECISIONS BY FACULTY	TOTAL HEARING REQUESTS		AHP ¹ PENDING FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	WITH-DRAWN	TOTAL AHPs HELD		
			% of incident reports		% of incident reports		SENT TO AHP BY FACULTY	AHP REQUESTED BY STUDENT			DISMISSED	UPHELD	AHP PENDING
Arts and Science	168	51	30%	110	65%	7	5	1	6	1	2	3	6
Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science	66	14	21%	49	74%	3	1	8	7	3	0	4	9
Fine Arts	7	2	28%	5	71%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Molson School of Business	40	8	20%	31	78%	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	2
School of Graduate Studies	86	4	5%	81	94%	1	7	4	5	0	1	5	10
TOTAL	367	79	22%	276	75%	12	14	14	20	4	3	14	27
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By July 1, 2020, a total of **367 incidents** were reported for courses taken during the academic period covered by this report. A total of 276 (75%) charges were upheld at the Faculty level, 79 (22%) charges were dismissed and 12 (3%) of these incidents are still pending decisions by the Faculties.

¹ The number of hearings pending from previous years column includes hearings requested during the 2019-2020 academic year for courses taken during previous academic years.

Out of the 367 charges upheld by the Faculties, the Office of Student Tribunals received a total of 14 requests for AHPs from students and 14 requests from the Faculties due to repeat offences. Adding the above to the 20 AHP requests carried over from previous years, there were a total of **48 AHP requests to process this past year**, including 29 for repeat offences.

Our office conducted hearings with respect to **17 cases** under the Code in the 2019-2020 academic year, as follows:

- **17 AHPs** (including 15 for repeat offence cases).

As of July 1, 2020, we begin the 2020-2021 academic year with 27 cases awaiting hearings under the Code, 14 of which are for repeat offences.

The hearings carried over from 2019-2020 are due to:

- 21 separate requests to postpone hearings, including hearings scheduled in mid-March and April that were postponed as a result of the closure of Concordia's campuses due to concerns regarding COVID-19;
- The option given to students during the months of May and June to defer their hearing; and
- Several hearing requests received toward the end of the 2019-2020 academic year, including 17 hearing requests received by the Office of Student Tribunals after April 1, 2019.

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Schedule A

Breakdown from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 of the type of charges laid under the Academic Code of Conduct (the "Code")
For Summer 2019 to Winter 2020 terms

Incident Reports filed under the Code

	Article 18	Article 19a	Article 19b	Article 19c	Article 19d	Article 19f	Article 19g	Article 19h	Article 19i	Article 19j	Article 19k	Article 19l
Arts and Science	159	68	3	34	4	-	52	-	1	1	2	1
Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science	49	9	4	28	1	3	10	2	5	-	-	-
Fine Arts	1	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
John Molson School of Business	-	4	4	5	5	-	23	1	8	-	-	-
School of Graduate Studies	85	31	4	35	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	294	117	16	102	10	3	89	3	16	1	2	1

Note: See Excerpts from the Code on the following page for a description of the articles listed above.

Students may have been charged under more than one article with respect to the same incident.

Excerpts setting forth the types of charges from the Academic Code of Conduct

Article 18: "Any form of cheating, or plagiarism, as well as any other form of dishonest behaviour, intentional or not, related to the obtention of gain, academic or otherwise, or the interference in evaluative exercises committed by a student is an offence under this Code. Any attempt at or participation related in any way to an offence by a student is also an offence"

Article 19: "Without limiting, or restricting, the generality of Article 18 above and with the understanding that Articles 19 a) to l) are to be considered examples only, academic offences include, the carrying out, or attempting to carry out or participating in":

19a: "plagiarism - the presentation of the work of another person, in whatever form, as one's own or without proper acknowledgement"

19b: "the contribution by one student to another student of work with the knowledge that the latter may submit the work in part or in whole as his or her own"

19c: "unauthorized collaboration between students"

19d: "tearing or mutilating an examination booklet or an examination paper, including, but not limited to, inserting pages into a booklet or taking a booklet or a portion of the booklet or examination paper from the examination room"

19f: "the obtention by theft or any other means or use of the questions and/or answers of an examination or of any other resource that one is not authorized to possess"

19g: "the possession or use during an examination of any non-authorized documents or materials or resource or possessing a device allowing access to or use of any non-authorized documents or materials"

19h: "the use of another person's examination during an examination"

19i: "communication with anyone other than an invigilator during an examination or the obtention of any non-authorized assistance during an examination"

19j: "impersonation - assuming the identity of another person or having another person assume one's own identity"

19k: "the falsification of a document, in particular a document transmitted to the University or a document of the University, whether transmitted or not to a third party, whatever the circumstances"

19l: "the falsification or fabrication of a fact or data or a reference to a source in a work"