

Office of Student Tribunals Annual Academic Hearing Report July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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 2020-2021 as at July 1, 2021 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				TOTAL AHPs HELD		
			% of incident reports		% of incident reports		SENT TO AHP BY FACULTY	AHP REQUESTED BY STUDENT	AHP ¹ PENDING FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	WITH-DRAWN	DISMISSED	UPHELD	AHP PENDING
Arts and Science	280	80	29%	163	58%	37	10	5	8	1	1	8	13
Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science	250	27	11%	182	73%	41	41	7	11	2	5	10	42
Fine Arts	4	2	50%	2	50%	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
John Molson School of Business	248	43	17%	153	62%	52	3	10	2	4	0	4	7
School of Graduate Studies	173	10	6%	150	87%	13	18	18	10	11	4	17	14
TOTAL	955	162	17%	650	68%	143	74	40	31	18	10	39	78
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By July 1, 2021, a total of **955 incidents** were reported for courses taken during the academic period covered by this report. A total of 650 (68%) charges were upheld at the Faculty level, 162 (17%) charges were dismissed and 143 (15%) 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 2020-2021 academic year for courses taken during previous academic years.

Out of the 650 charges upheld by the Faculties, the Office of Student Tribunals received a total of 40 requests for AHPs from students and 74 requests from the Faculties due to repeat offences. Adding the above to the 31 AHP requests carried over from previous years, there were a total of **145 AHP requests to process this past year**, including 91 for repeat offences.

Our office conducted hearings with respect to **52 cases** under the Code in the 2020-2021 academic year, as follows:

- **49 Academic Hearing Panels** (including 33 for repeat offence cases).
- **3 Appeals Authorization Panels**

As of July 1, 2021, we begin the 2021-2022 academic year with the following number of cases awaiting hearings:

- 78 Academic Hearing Panels (including 57 for repeat offence cases)
- 2 Appeals Authorization Panels

The hearings carried over from 2020-2021 are due to:

- 12 separate requests to postpone hearings
- An increase in the number of hearings requested during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Several hearing requests received toward the end of the 2020-2021 academic year, including 49 hearing requests received by the Office of Student Tribunals after May 1, 2021.

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Schedule A

Breakdown from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 of the type of charges laid under the Academic Code of Conduct (the "Code")

Incident Reports filed under the Code

	Article 18	Article 19a	Article 19b	Article 19c	Article 19e	Article 19f	Article 19g	Article 19h	Article 19i	Article 19j	Article 19k	Article 19l
Arts and Science	250	104	-	110	1	-	40	-	2	-	2	1
Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science	181	96	7	63	-	1	44	-	22	-	-	-
Fine Arts	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Molson School of Business	1	51	56	116	-	30	44	2	135	2	-	1
School of Graduate Studies	160	23	1	116	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	592	278	64	405	2	32	132	2	159	2	2	2

Note: See Excerpts from the Code on the following page for details about the contents 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"

19e: "multiple submission - the submission of a piece of work for evaluative purposes when that work has been or is currently being submitted for evaluative purposes in another course at the University or in another teaching institution without the knowledge and permission of the instructor or instructors involved"

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"