

Office of Student Tribunals Annual Academic Hearing Report Summer 2015 to Winter 2016 terms

In accordance with Article 94 of the 'New Academic Code of Conduct 2015' (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 'Old Code' and the Code (schedule A).

The specific breakdown by Faculty for 2015-2016 as at July 11, 2016 is provided below:

Faculty	INCIDENT REPORTS	CHARGES				TOTAL HEARING REQUESTS				TOTAL AHP's HELD		
		DISMISSED AT FACULTY LEVEL		UPHELD AT FACULTY LEVEL		SENT TO AHP BY FACULTY	AHP REQUESTED BY STUDENT	AHP ¹ PENDING FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	WITH-DRAWN	DISMISSED	UPHELD	AHP PENDING
			% of incident reports		% of incident reports							
Arts and Science	120	24	20%	92	77%	5	2	5	2	1	3	6
Engineering and Computer Science	62	7	11%	55	89%	5	1	7	2	1	5	5
Fine Arts	5	2	40%	3	60%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Molson School of Business	151	34	23%	109	72%	1	2	2	2	0	1	2
School of Graduate Studies	49	6	12%	43	88%	2	5	2	0	1	2	6
TOTAL	387	73	19%	302	78%	13	10	16	6	3	11	19
						23				14		

By July 11, 2016, a total of **387 incidents** were reported for courses taken during the academic period covered by this report. A total of 302 (78%) charges were upheld at the faculty level, 73 (19%) charges were dismissed, 13 files were sent directly to Academic Hearing Panels ("AHP") 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 2015-2016 academic year for courses taken during previous academic years.

Out of the 302 charges upheld by the Faculties, the Office of Student Tribunals received a total of 23 requests for AHP, including 12 requests due to repeat offences. Adding the above to the 16 AHP requests carried over from previous years, there were a total of **39 AHP requests to process this past year**, including 19 for repeat offences.

Our office conducted hearings with respect to **59 cases** in the 2015-2016 academic year, as follows:

- **14 AHPs** (including 7 for repeat offence cases);
- 2 Appeal Authorization Panels ;
- 4 Re-Evaluation Appeal Panels;
- 2 Graduate Academic Appeals Tribunals;
- 33 Student Hearing Panels under the Code of Rights and Responsibilities; and
- 4 Appeal Authorization Panels under the Code of Rights and Responsibilities.

There was one expulsion confirmed between June 1, 2015 and July 11, 2016, for a second offence under the Code.

As of July 11, 2016, we begin the 2016-2017 academic year with the following number of cases awaiting hearings:

- 19 AHPs (12 for repeat offences);
- 3 Re-evaluation Appeal Panels;
- 2 Graduate Academic Appeals Tribunals; and
- 2 Student Hearing Panels under Rights and Responsibilities cases

The hearings carried over from 2015-2016 are due to:

- 49 separate requests to postpone hearings; and
- An increase in the number of hearing requests toward the end of the 2015-2016 academic year, including 19 hearing requests received by the Office of Student Tribunals after April 1, 2016.

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Schedule A

Breakdown from July 8, 2015 to July 11, 2016 of the type of charges laid under the 'old' and 'new' Codes, by article number

Incident reports filed under 'Old Code' (effective before May 4, 2015)

	Article 14	Article 15	Article 16a	Article 16c	Article 16d	Article 16g
Arts and Science	2	1	-	-	-	-
Engineering and Computer Science	9	9	7	4	1	1
Fine Arts	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Molson School of Business	-	-	-	-	-	1
School of Graduate Studies	2	-	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	13	10	9	4	1	2

Incident Reports filed under 'New Code' (effective as of May 4, 2015)

	Article 18	Article 19a	Article 19b	Article 19c	Article 19d	Article 19e	Article 19f	Article 19g	Article 19h	Article 19j	Article 19k	Article 19l
Arts and Science	103	9	-	10	5	2	-	16	-	-	-	1
Engineering and Computer Science	53	17	1	18	-	-	-	15	1	4	1	-
Fine Arts	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Molson School of Business	-	112	-	10	-	1	4	21	-	1	2	-
School of Graduate Studies	45	43	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	201	185	1	38	6	3	4	54	1	5	3	1

Note: See Excerpts from the 'Old Code' and the 'New Code' on the following page for details about the contents of the articles listed above.
 People may have been charged under more than one article with respect to the same incident.

Excerpts setting forth the types of charges from the 'Old Code' and the 'New Code'

2008 Academic Code of Conduct offences ('Old Code')

Article 14: "Any form of cheating, plagiarism, personation, falsification of a document as well as any other form of dishonest behaviour related to the obtention of academic gain or the avoidance of evaluative exercises committed by a student is an academic offence under this Code"

Article 15: "Any attempt at or participation related in any way to an academic offence is also an offence under this Code and shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedures set out in this Code"

Article 16: "Without limiting, or restricting, the generality of article 14 above and with the understanding that articles 16 a)-l) are to be considered examples only, academic offences include, the carrying out, or attempting to carry out or participating in":

16a: "plagiarism - the presentation of the work of another person, in whatever form, as one's own or without proper acknowledgement"

16c: "unauthorized collaboration between students"

16d: "tearing or mutilating an examination booklet, inserting pages into a booklet or taking a booklet from the examination room"

16g: "the possession or use during an examination of any non-authorized documents or materials or possessing a device allowing access to or use of any non-authorized documents or materials"

2015 Academic Code of Conduct offences ('New Code')

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"

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"

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"