

## Office of Student Tribunals Annual Academic Hearing Report Summer 2016 to Winter 2017 terms

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 2016-2017 as at July 1, 2017 is provided below:

Faculty	INCIDENT REPORTS	CHARGES				TOTAL HEARING REQUESTS				TOTAL AHP's HELD		
		DISMISSED AT FACULTY LEVEL	% of incident reports	UPHELD AT FACULTY LEVEL	% of incident reports	SENT TO AHP BY FACULTY	AHP REQUESTED BY STUDENT	AHP <sup>1</sup> PENDING FROM PREVIOUS YEARS	WITH-DRAWN	DISMISSED	UPHELD	AHP PENDING
Arts and Science	162	34	21%	128	79%	3	2	6	1	1	5	4
Engineering and Computer Science	48	3	6%	43	90%	4	3	5	1	0	2	9
Fine Arts	15	6	40%	9	60%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Molson School of Business	109	40	37%	60	55%	1	1	4	2	1	2	1
School of Graduate Studies	31	3	10%	24	77%	2	2	6	1	1	4	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>
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By July 1, 2017, a total of 365 **incidents** were reported for courses taken during the academic period covered by this report. A total of 264 (72%) charges were upheld at the faculty level, 86 (24%) charges were dismissed, 10 files were sent directly to Academic Hearing Panels (“AHP”) and 15 (4%) of these incidents are still pending decisions by the Faculties.

<sup>1</sup> The number of hearings pending from previous years column includes hearings requested during the 2016-2017 academic year for courses taken during previous academic years.

Out of the 264 charges upheld by the Faculties, the Office of Student Tribunals received a total of 18 requests for AHP, including 9 requests due to repeat offences. Adding the above to the 21 AHP requests carried over from previous years, there were a total of 39 **AHP requests to process this past year**, including 21 for repeat offences.

Our office conducted hearings with respect to **17 cases** under the Code in the 2016-2017 academic year, as follows:

- **16 AHPs** (including 10 for repeat offence cases); and
- 1 Appeals Authorization Panel

As of July 1, 2017, we begin the 2017-2018 academic year with 18 cases awaiting hearings under the Code, 11 of which are for repeat offences.

The hearings carried over from 2016-2017 are due to:

- 17 separate requests to postpone hearings; and
- An increase in the number of hearing requests toward the end of the 2016-2017 academic year, including 13 hearing requests received by the Office of Student Tribunals after April 1, 2017.

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Schedule A

**Breakdown from July 11, 2016 to July 1, 2017 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 19d	Article 19f	Article 19g	Article 19h	Article 19j	Article 19k
<b>Arts and Science</b>	161	65	2	27	12	–	32	–	–	1
<b>Engineering and Computer Science</b>	46	4	–	9	4	–	30	–	–	1
<b>Fine Arts</b>	–	9	–	1	3	–	2	–	–	–
<b>John Molson School of Business</b>	3	23	–	12	4	9	25	17	7	–
<b>School of Graduate Studies</b>	27	26	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>TOTAL</b>	237	127	2	49	23	9	89	17	7	2

**Note:** See Excerpts from the 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 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"

**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"