



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG SENATE ANNUAL REPORT SENATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND MISCONDUCT COMMITTEE 2022-2023

As Chair of the Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee (SASMC), I submit the following report to Senate for the 2022-23 academic year.

In 2022-2023, the membership of the Committee consisted of

Tracy Whalen, Associate Dean of Arts, Chair
Colin Russell, Registrar (non-voting)
Hope McIntyre, Faculty Member of Senate
Jeffrey Newmark, Faculty Member of Senate
Heather Snell, Faculty Member
Esmat Elhami, Faculty Member
Ian Fraser, Faculty Member
Sherry Hebert, Faculty Member
Harpreet Singh Punjab, UWSA Senator

The Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee normally meets twice a month throughout the three academic terms to deal with cases of student academic misconduct from PACE as well as the Faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, Education, Kinesiology, Science, and Graduate Studies.

From May 2022 to April 2023, SASMC reviewed 209 cases of academic misconduct (which is down from 242 last year, but higher than the 174 cases in 2020-2021).

In 11 of these cases, SASMC determined there was insufficient evidence to conclude that academic misconduct had occurred.

Of the 198 remaining cases, there were 5 cases of aiding and abetting, 75 cases of cheating, 5 cases of falsification/impersonation; and 113 cases of plagiarism.

In the 5 cases of aiding and abetting, penalties included

- 0 on assignment/test
- a 7.5% deduction from the final course grade and proof that the content was removed from Chegg
- a note placed in the student's file

In the 75 cases of cheating, penalties included

- 0 for specific question and an additional deduction of marks
- 0 on assignment/test/final exam
- [in 4 cases because of procedural concerns] questions eliminated from the exam and the remainder graded without penalty
- assignment/test graded and a percentage deducted from final course grade

- reinstatement in the course with a grade of F
- [in 1 case] suspension until W2023
- a finding of misconduct with a record placed in the student's file

In the 5 cases of falsification/impersonation, penalties included

- 0 on assignment
- exam graded and a percentage deducted from final course grade
- F in course
- a finding of misconduct with a record placed in the student's file

In the 113 cases of plagiarism, penalties included

- 0 on assignment/term/exam
- 0 on assignment and an extra deduction from the final course grade
- 0 on assignment and a recommendation the student take Academic Writing even though the writing requirement was waived
- a 10% deduction on test
- assignment be graded without penalty, with a percentage deducted from final grade
- [in 4 cases, due to an error in procedure] the student being allowed to rewrite and resubmit assignment
- F in course
- finding of misconduct with a record placed in the student's file
- resubmission of assignment without penalty [but a grade of 0 if not received by deadline]
- revision and resubmission of assignment with a deduction on that assignment

This past year saw concern around the emergence of AI text-generating tools (like ChatGPT), which are starting to appear in cases coming before the SASMC. A recommended course outline statement was provided to instructors of 2023 spring courses. It clarifies and makes explicit rules around the use (or prohibited use) of AI tools in a course and the necessary acknowledgment of such tools, if allowed.

Senate can trust that each case that came before the SASMC received careful deliberation. The Committee thanks the instructors, support staff, DRC committees, and DRC Chairs who devoted considerable time and attention to these cases. Special thanks go out to Jackie Benson for her diligent administrative support for this work-intensive committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Tracy Whalen

Chair, Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee