

**Report of the Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee
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As Chair of the Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee, I submit the following Report to Senate for 2012-2013.

Academic Misconduct

The Committee normally meets four times a year to deal with cases of student misconduct (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) from PACE and the Faculties of Arts, of Business and Economics, of Education, of Kinesiology, and of Science.

In the year under review, the Committee has dealt with twenty-two (22) cases; of which eighteen (18) were allegations of plagiarism, three (3) were allegations of cheating, and one (1) was an allegation of forgery. In twelve (12) cases the assignment in question was given an F, and in seven (7) cases, the penalty assessed was an F for the course. In one (1) case, the penalty assessed was an F in course and a one term suspension, in one (1) case a notation alone was placed into the file, and one (1) case was dismissed. As per procedure, a notation was placed into the file of the 21 cases where academic misconduct was found and will be removed only upon graduation. At the time of this report, there are two (2) cases pending.

The Committee continues to be concerned by the common inability of students who appear before the Committee to be prepared for the rigor of academic research, writing, and scholarship. We are troubled by the claims students make that they do not fully understand or have not been taught the meaning of plagiarism, when faculty are clearly providing detailed instruction in their teaching and syllabi.

As of January 1, 2013 *The University of Winnipeg Policy on Student Academic Misconduct* was revised to streamline the process by reducing the number of procedural levels from five to four and by decreasing the timeframe for each stage of the four part process. The first term of implementing this policy has been successful.

Academic Standards: Grades and Comparative Course Index (CCI)

As of the 2012 Spring Term, the CCI is "run" and made available to Departments/ Programs as a tool to oversee its grades and receive "local" approval (Department, DRC). The Committee acts only in problematic cases. This year, the Committee did not over see any problematic cases.

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