

**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 2013-2014.

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 met numerous times to deal with thirty-three (33) cases: twenty-one (21) were allegations of plagiarism, seven (7) were allegations of cheating, five (5) were allegations of academic misconduct without sufficient evidence. Of the twenty-eight (28) cases presented with sufficient evidence, sixteen (16) of the assignments in question were given an F, and eight (8) were given a penalty of F for the course. In one (1) case, the penalty assessed was an F in an exam, in two (2) cases 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 27 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.

Over the past year, the number of cases has increased by 6.6%, which may be attributed, in part, to the inclusion of PACE and Graduate Studies under the 2013 *University of Winnipeg Policy on Student Academic Misconduct*.

As noted in previous reports to Senate, the Committee remains 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 continue to be disturbed by student claims of not fully understanding or having been taught the meaning of plagiarism, when Faculty are clearly providing detailed instruction in their teaching and syllabi.

Current work is underway in consultation with the Corporate Secretary and Legal Counsel to split the current Academic Misconduct Policy document into two, separating policy from procedure to make the documents clearer and the procedures more efficient. In this spirit of efficiency, a sub-committee of SAMC consisting of previously elected members can now be struck when a quorum is not possible due to member holidays, absence or other reasons.

Academic Standards: Grades and Comparative Course Index (CCI)

As of the 2012 Spring Term, the CCI is “run” and made available to Departments and Programs as a tool to oversee its grades and receive “local” approval (Department, DRC). The Committee acts only in problematic cases, of which there were none this year.

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