



**MEMO**

**TO:** Senators

**FROM:** Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs)

**DATE:** June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**RE:** **Report on Ratification** of Faculty Academic Integrity Officer Assessments and Recommended Penalties  
Reporting Period January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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Under the *Faculty Discipline Procedures Concerning Allegations of Academic Offences*, a ratification review meeting is held within 14 calendar days of the Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) receiving a Faculty Academic Integrity Officer (AIO) Assessment and Recommended Penalty which the student has accepted. The Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) and a student Senator appointed by the Dalhousie Student Union jointly review the finding and agreed penalty to determine whether the process followed is consistent with the *Faculty Discipline Procedures*. The decision on ratification must be unanimous. The AIO finding and agreed penalty shall stand, despite possible insubstantial procedural errors.

The Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) reports quarterly to Senate on the results of ratification review meetings conducted during the reporting period. The following statistics are reported in comparison to the same quarter (Jan-Mar) in 2019-2020.

Ratification Review Meetings Held:                      Jan 7, 22  
   Feb 8, 24  
   Mar 10, 29

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
<b>AIO Assessments and Recommendations Received</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>507</b>
<b>AIO Assessments and Recommendations Ratified</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>507</b>

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
<b>Academic Offence</b>		
Plagiarism	120	226
Unauthorized Collaboration	15	117
Plagiarism/Unauthorized Collaboration	0	8
Use of unauthorized materials/exam/test	6	14
Falsified Data	2	2
Self- plagiarism	1	3
Aiding in the commission of academic offence	1	4
Copying/Cheating on assignment or exam	16	132
Plagiarism/To gain unfair advantage	0	1

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
<b>Penalties</b>		
Grade of “0” for the assignment/exam	76	237
Writing Workshop/ Study Skills requirement	65	150
Reduction of final grade/capped grade for class	26	105
Grade for exam/ assignment capped	8	9
Resubmit assignment/exam	15	15
Failure of course	10	31
Warning	17	23
Grade of “0” on portion of assignment/exam	9	54
One-on-one session with specified resource person	1	2
Reduction of grade for assignment/exam	32	111
Notation on transcript	29	174
Academic Integrity Module	5	138
Must meet advisor to discuss impact on program	1	3
Penalty to be determined by SDC	0	2

**Faculty**

The number of penalties is greater than the number of matters ratified, as there can be more than one penalty recommended by the AIO and accepted by the student. For example, one student might experience both failure of the class and a notation on the transcript.

Respectfully submitted by Dr. Maria Pacurar, Vice-Chair (Student Affairs) on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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AIO Stats on citizenship status

1. January – March 2020

Canadian- 56

International- 96

Permanent Resident- 9

Refugee- 0

**Total students: 161**

2. January- March 2021

Canadian- 222

International- 266

Permanent Resident- 19

Refugee- 0

**Total students: 507**