

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Gary D. Russi
Vice President for Academic Affairs

FROM: Frank J. Lepkowski *FJL*
Chair, Academic Conduct Committee

RE: Annual report, 1992/93

*Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

The Academic Conduct Committee (ACC) is charged with investigation of cases of academic misconduct at Oakland University, and with the responsibility for imposing sanctions upon those found guilty of violations. During the period from summer term 1992 through spring term 1993, the committee heard a total of 26 cases, involving 42 students. This represents an increasing trend during the last three years:

Year	Number of Cases	Number of Students
1992/93	26	42
1991/92	20	40
1990/91	15	15

Of the cases heard, 22 or 85% resulted in a guilty verdict; of the students charged, 27 or 64% were found guilty. Both of these figures suggest that in quantitative terms, the committee has been receiving well-prepared cases from the faculty members involved and has been able to deal with them accordingly.

Committee Caseload

During the last year, cases have been quite widely distributed throughout the academic units of the university:

Department or School	Number of Cases
Mathematics	4
Accounting	3
Marketing	2
Mechanical Engineering	2
History	2
International Studies	2
Nursing	2
Rhetoric	2
Chemistry	1
Political Science	1
English	1

Department or School	Number of Cases (continued)
Biology	1
Psychology	1
Art History	1
Economics	1

This shows a campus-wide consciousness of academic conduct issues. Among the cases brought before the committee the majority (18, or 67%) were for cheating on examinations or other exercises. Plagiarism was the second most frequent charge (8 cases, or 30%). There was one charge each of falsifying records and of unauthorized collaboration. The caseload distribution by term is as follows:

Term	Number of Cases
Summer 1992	0
Fall 1992	10
Winter 1993	8
Spring 1993	8

Sanctions

The committee has a range of sanctions that it may impose on guilty parties including a reprimand, probation, suspension, and expulsion. Of the 27 students found guilty, the penalties were distributed as follows:

Sanction	Number of Students
Reprimand	2
Probation	2
Suspension	23
Expulsion	0

Periods of suspension ranged from one term to two years (for a repeat offender). Suspendees are also on academic probation for the remainder of their Oakland career.

Other Developments

During the last year the Steering Committee of the University Senate revised its procedures for hearing appeals of ACC cases. The chair of ACC was able to make suggestions, and is most grateful for having been consulted. The resulting procedures clarify very well the appeal mechanism. The committee is proud of not having had any of its decisions overruled on appeal.

Last year the issue of cheating was raised in the Oakland Post (see attachment). The chair of ACC was interviewed and thus given an opportunity to spread awareness of the committee's existence and function among the student body. Disturbing, however, was the story's revelation that of the students surveyed (not all of whom were from Oakland University), 54% had cheated in classes. A common method of cheating--programming formulas into calculators--mentioned in the article has never caused a case to be brought to ACC, in spite of its popularity.

A memo describing the function and procedures of the ACC was distributed to the University faculty during the winter term. Thus the last year saw increased awareness of the committee and its work throughout the campus community.

Directions for the Future

The continued cultivation of this awareness should be a principal concern of the committee. We may want to publicize the ACC among the student body more than we currently do. The committee can serve as well to focus faculty attention on issues of academic misconduct, including such new and improved methods of cheating as come on the horizon.

Acknowledgements

The committee would be unable to function without the superb administrative support of the Dean of Students Office, which collects the statistical information on which this report is based. Nancy Schmitz is highly effective at organizing our schedule and making sure that committee members have all of the necessary information before the meeting starts, ably assisted in these by the redoubtable Jan Baker and Shirley Miles. David Herman, in his invaluable presence as a committee member himself, is a superb source of guidance and informed decision making, serving, among other things, as the institutional memory of committee.

The hearings themselves are arduous indeed; the responsibility of sitting in judgment is felt by all to be a grave one. Those who served on the committee this year carried out its charge with dedication, sensitivity, and fairness. Our faculty members were Lawrence Lilliston, William Fish, Ren-Jyh Gu, Sadi Bazaz, Michael Latcha, Billy Minor, Subbaiah Perla, and Jane Walter. Our student members were Chander Nijhon, Heather Nicholson, Staci Savage, and Dawn Aubry who now leaves the committee after several years of much-valued service. Thanks to all for a job well done.

1992-1993 ACADEMIC CONDUCT LOG

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92-12	08/24/92	Cheating	Accounting		380-84-7548	08/25/92	09/18/92	NG	N.A.	09/21/92	No

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92-12	08/24/92	Cheating	Accounting		363-94-6989	09/01/92	09/18/92	NG	N.A.	09/21/92	No
92-13	10/01/92	Cheating	Marketing		380-94-1771	10/07/92	10/16/92	NG	NA	10/19/92	No
92-13	10/01/92	Cheating	Marketing		041-60-0541	10/07/92	10/16/92	G	Susp. for fall 1992 semester.	10/19/92	
92-14	10/002/92	Cheating	Mech Engineer.		373-66-3623	10/13/92	11/05/92	NG	None	11/06/92	No
92-14	10/02/92	Cheating	Mech Engineer.		381-11-7755	10/14/92	11/05/92	G	Susp. through winter 1993.	11/06/92	No
92-15	10/13/92	Cheating	Marketing		381-98-0539	10/21/92	10/30/92	G	Probation; comm. suggested a 0.00 in the course & stud. not allowed to drop the course.	10/30/92	No
92-16	10/19/92	Plagiarism	History		384-96-6963	10/23/92	11/13/92	NG	N/A	11/13/92	No
92-16	10/16/92	Plagiarism	History		379-70-4347	10/23/92	11/13/92	NG	N/A	11/13/92	No

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92-16	10/16/92	Plagiarism	History		377-04-8379	10/23/92	11/13/92	NG	NA	11/13/92	No
92-17	10/28/92	Plagiarism	Int. Studies		295-76-2380	10/27/92	11/19/92	G	Acad. suspension immediately through winter, 1993.	11/23/92	No
92-18	10/29/92	Plagiarism	Int. Studies		362-96-5698	10/30/92	11/19/92	G	Acad. suspension immediately through winter, 1993.	11/23/92	No
92-19	11/06/92	Cheating	Mathematics		371-86-1274	11/09/92	12/03/92	G	Acad. susp. winter '93	12/07/92	
92-19	11/06/92	Cheating	Mathematics		297-58-7731	11/17/92	11/09/92	NG	None	12/07/92	No
92-20	11/18/92	Cheating	Mech. Eng.		382-68-9059	11/30/92	12/11/92	NG	NA	12/15/92	No
92-20	11/18/92	Cheating	Mech. Eng.		369-72-5749	11/30/92	12/11/92	G	Suspension winter '93 through fall '93.	12/15/92	No
92-20	11/10/92	Cheating	Mech. Eng.		384-92-9294	11/24/92	12/11/92	G	Suspension winter '93 through fall '93.	12/15/92	Yes

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92-21	11/23/92	Cheating	History		380-66-4793	12/03/92	12/10/92	G.	Suspension from 1/5/93 through 8/20/93 and probation through attendance at O.U.	12/15/92	No
92-21	11/23/92	Cheating	History		382-76-6065	12/03/92	12/10/92	G	Suspension winter '93 through summer '93 & prob. through attendance at OU.	12/11/92	No
92-22	12/08/92	Cheating	MTH.		368-70-1827	12/14/92	01/21/93	G	Suspension winter '93 through summer '93	01/21/93	No
92-23	12/10/92	Cheating	Accounting		378-90-9362	12/17/92	01/05/93	G.	University Reprimand	01/08/93	No
92-23	12/10/92	Cheating	Accounting		363-98-1125	12/18/92	01/05/93	G.	University Reprimand	01/08/93	No
93-01	02/08/93	Cheating	Chemistry		150-66-1321	02/08/93	02/18/93	Guilty	Suspended winter '93 through spring '93 & prob. 'til graduation.	02/19/93	Yes
93-02	02/15/93	Cheating	Political Science		371-60-1231	02/24/93	03/12/93	Guilty	Immediate suspension through fall 1993.	03/25/93	Yes
93-03	03/04/93	Plagiarism	English		377-92-7795	03/10/93	03/18/93	Guilty	Immediate suspension through fall 1994.	03/18/93	No

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93-04	03/19/93	Cheating	Biology		366-11-3668	03/26/93	04/08/93	Guilty	Probation 'til graduation.	04/12/93	
93-05	03/25/93	Cheating	Psychology		365-70-4068	03/30/93	04/08/93	Guilty	Suspension for spring and summer terms, 1993. Probation for the duration of time at Oakland Uniiv.	04/12/93	
93-05	03/25/93	Cheating	Psychology		365-70-3628	03/30/93	04/08/93	Guilty	Suspension for spring and summer terms, 1993. Probation for the duration of time at Oakland Uniiv.	04/12/93	
93-06	03/24/93	plagiarism	Art History		363-92-9164	04/06/93	04/16/93	Guilty	Suspension Spring and summer 1993 & prob. 'til graduation.	04/19/93	No
93-07	04/08/93	Cheating	Mathematics		375-88-9289	04/15/93	04/03/93	Not Guilty	N/A	05/04/93	No
93-07	04/08/93	Cheating	Mathematics		362-04-0484	04/19/93	05/03/93	Guilty	Spring & summer susp. & prob. 'til graduation.	05/04/93	No
93-07	04/08/93	Cheating	Mathematics		370-90-7345	04/20/93	05/03/93	Not Guilty	N/A	05/04/93	No
93-08	04/19/93	Cheating	Mathematics		374-76-5711	04/22/93	05/05/93	Not Guilty	N.A.	05/06/93	No

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93-08	04/19/93	Cheating	Mathematics		380-88-3268	04/21/93	05/05/93	Guilty	Susp. through fall '93 & prob. 'til graduation.	05/06/93	Nb
93-09	04/13/93	Falsifying information	Nursing		385-84-8603	04/29/93	05/12/93	Not Guilty	NA	05/13/93	Nb
93-10	04/23/93	Plagiarism	Nursing		383-90-8047	04/27/93	05/10/93	Guilty	Susp. sp., summer, & fall, 1993 & prob. 'til graduation.	05/10/93	Nb
93-11	04/29/93	Plagiarism	Rhetoric		498-98-2277	05/03/93	05/10/93	Guilty	Susp. sp., summer, & fall, 1993. Prob. 'til graduation.	05/10/93	Nb
93-12	04/30/93	Cheating	Economics		379-94-0838	04/27/93	05/05/93	Not Guilty	N.A.	05/10/93	Nb
93-12	04/30/93	Cheating	Economics		362-78-1421	04/27/93	05/05/93	Not Guilty	N.A.	05/10/93	Nb
93-13	04/23/93	Plagiarism	Rhetoric		369-80-6451	05/10/93	05/17/93	Guilty	Susp. spring and summer '93 and prob. 'til grad.	05/17/93	Nb
93-14	06/14/93	Collaboration/unauthorized	Accounting		508-82-8238	06/23/93 w/DEH	06/29/93	Guilty	Prob. 'til graduation and 3-5 pg. paper on the ACC experience by 9/1/93.	06/30/93	Nb

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93-14	06/14/93	Collaboration- unauthorize	Accounting		372-74-2774	06/22/93	06/29/93	Guilty	Prob. til graduation and 3-5 pg. paper on the ACC experience by 9/1/93.	06/30/93	
