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## Academic Conduct Committee

### Annual Report 2003-2004

MEMORANDUM

September 20, 2004

TO: Virinder Moudgil  
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

FROM: Floyd G. Willoughby  
School of Business Administration  
Chair, Academic Conduct Committee

RE: Academic Conduct Committee Report 2003-2004

The Academic Conduct Committee was busy again this year, although there is some good news. There was a slight decrease from 2002-2003 in the number of cases brought to the Dean of Students Office (4.5%) and a resulting lesser number of students charged with academic dishonesty (12.7%). This is a small reversal in the steadily increasing trend in number of cases and charged students per academic year. Most students admitted responsibility for their actions and opted for having administrative hearings. (I have enclosed Karen Lloyd's annual report.)

The full Committee heard three cases and 3 University expulsions resulted. One case involved a student breaking into a professor's office and stealing an examination, one graduate student (graduate assistant) was expelled for cheating, and one student was expelled for a second offense.

There is one new emerging trend this academic year. Anecdotal evidence suggests that an increasing number of students with higher GPAs are violating University academic policies. Most of these students tend to be students of international origin burdened with humongous pressures from family to do well at university. It seems that there is also much pressure to get degrees in 4 years or less. Many of these students are enrolled in more than the full time load of 12 credits.

Poor time management skills also seem to play a large part in academic dishonesty. Students tell of complicated, pressure-cooker lives in which they are trying to accomplish way too much in too short a time. Poor time management skills combined with what appears to be "a different set of values" creates a situation for some students in which they ignore University policies. They do not take time to think about the possible consequences of their actions and are often surprised at the severity of the sanctions. This is sort of a "Gee, I didn't intend to get caught" scenario.

As always, there was excellent support from the Dean of Students Office. Glenn McIntosh, Karen Lloyd and Roxanne Knudson continue their stellar work in processing the academic dishonesty cases.

The Committee members were very cooperative in scheduling hearing and the whole logistics process moved smoothly. The Committee was fortunate to have a number of advisors that counseled charged students and supported them during the hearings. These individuals are to be commended for their invaluable service; Dave Archbold, Dawn Aubry, Vanessa Bard, Omar Brown-El, Charles Clark, Chardin Claybourne, Scott Crabill, Beth DeVema, Lisa Dillon, Simon Dover, Ivy Horn, Monica Long, Keith Merritt, Jean Ann Miller, Don Rittenburgh, Rakhi Roy, Maura Selahowski, Linda Sisson, and Gloria Sosa.

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Attachment

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#### OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE  
144 Oakland Center

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 22, 2004

TO: Floyd Willoughby  
Chair, Academic Conduct Committee

FROM: Karen Lloyd  
Assistant Dean of Students

RE: 2003-2004 Annual Report

Attached is the statistical data for use in the 2003-2004 academic conduct committee annual report.

If you need additional information, please contact me at 3352. It has been a pleasure working with you for the 2002-2003 academic year. thank you for your unending support, flexibility and cooperation.

**Annual Report for Academic Conduct Committee  
Summer 2003 - Spring 2004**

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
2003-2004	63	82

During this reporting period, 63 cases were submitted involving 82 students. Of these students, 57 were found guilty, six were found not guilty and 15 cases were withdrawn. This is slight decrease of 4.5% in the number of cases submitted and 12.7% decrease in the number of students charged. There were three appeals (appeals are based on a procedural error or new evidence not available at the time of the hearing) none were granted. Students who participate in the administrative hearing process waive their right to appeal.

**Committee Caseload**

<u>Department or School</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Anthropology	2	2
Art/Art History	1	1
Biological Sciences	5	7
Chemistry	4	4
Decision & Information Sciences	1	1
Economics	2	3
Engineering	1	6
English	6	7
History	11	11
Human Resource Development	1	1
International Programs	2	3
Linguistics	1	2
Mathematics/Statistics	5	8
Modern Language/Literature	1	1
Linguistics	1	2
Paralegal Program	1	2
Physics	1	1
Political Science	2	2
Psychology	2	2
Rhetoric, Communication, Journalism	12	15
School of Education/Field Services	2	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>82</b>

Plagiarism was charged in 39 cases involving 46 students. All of the plagiarism cases were Internet based with the exception of one case - this student used a book from Kresge Library. Once case involving three students was submitted alleging two overlapping charges of cheating and plagiarism. This would result in a total of 40 plagiarism cases involving 49 students. In 22 cases of cheating, 32 students were charged.

**Caseload Term Distribution**

Summer 2003	3 cases
Fall 2003	23 cases
Winter 2004	34 cases
Spring 2004	3 cases
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63 cases</b>

**Sanctions**

<b>Sanction</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
Disciplinary Reprimand	0
Probation	52
Suspension	24
Expulsion	3
Not Responsible	6
Deferred Suspension	19
Withdrawn	15
Pending	3

In some instances the sanctions of suspension and academic probation overlap or run concurrently. All suspended students remain on probation while enrolled at Oakland.

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