



October 2, 2017

C. Michelle Piskulich
Associate Provost
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Rochester, MI 48309

RE: 2016-17 Annual Report of the University Senate Academic Conduct Committee

Dear Dr. Piskulich:

As chair of the Academic Conduct Committee I am submitting the 2016-17 annual report of the committee's activity, compiled by Assistant Dean of Students Michael Wadsworth. This past academic year there were 86 cases involving 109 students, down from the previous year's caseload of 111 cases involving 145 students.

While the majority of misconduct cases once again involved plagiarism, this report demonstrates a sharp drop in plagiarism cases with only 44, as opposed to 78 in the 2015-16 academic year. The committee hopes that this decline is due to increased awareness and prevention of plagiarism across the university. There was, on the other hand, a rise in the number of cases involving unauthorized collaboration, with 22 during 2016-17 and only 9 cases the previous year. Anecdotally, I myself have noticed that with the increased use of online course tools and digital files it has become much easier for students to share with and/or borrow work from each other and much more difficult for them to see what they perceive as a hazy line between authorized and unauthorized collaboration. It will be vital that faculty continue to uphold their expectation of independent work, and it may become necessary for the university to offer tips and support to faculty on spotting inappropriate file sharing and what steps to take to alleviate it.

It has been a pleasure serving as chair of the committee and I look forward to my continued work in that role for the 2017-18 academic year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Beth Wallis".

Beth Wallis, Professor

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**DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE
144 Oakland Center**

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DATE:

TO: Beth Wallis
 Academic Conduct Committee Chair

FROM: Michael Wadsworth
 Assistant Dean of Students

RE: 2016-2017 Annual Report

Attached is the statistical data for use in the 2016-2017 academic conduct committee annual report. There were 53 males and 55 females charged with academic conduct infractions.

The role of Academic Conduct Committee Chair continues to be challenging, demanding, and time consuming. We extend our thanks to you for your leadership, flexibility, and cooperation.

It has been a pleasure working with you and the entire Academic Conduct Committee for the 2016-2017 academic year. If you need additional information, please contact me at ext. 3352.

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**Annual Report for Academic Conduct Committee
Fall 2016 - Summer 2017**

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
2016-2017	86	109

During this reporting period, 86 cases were submitted involving 109 students (6 students had 2 cases). There were 40 transfer students compared to 53 for the 2015-2016 academic year. Of the 86 cases, 90 students were found responsible and 10 were found not responsible. After fact-findings, cases were withdrawn for 13 students. There were 58 Academic Administrative Hearings and 42 full Academic Conduct Committee Hearings.

There were 5 appeals for this reporting period. Appeal considerations are based on two criteria: significant procedural error or new evidence not available at the time of the hearing.

Caseload Distribution by Semester/Department/School

Fall 2016	22 cases
Winter 2017	47 cases
<u>Summer 2017</u>	<u>17 cases</u>
TOTAL	86 cases

<u>Department/School</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Accounting & Finance	2	5
Biological Sciences	2	3
Biomedical Diagnostics	1	2
Chemistry	5	6
Communication & Journalism	2	2
Computer Science & Engineering	2	3
Decision & Information Sciences	1	1
Economics	2	3
Electrical & Computer Engineering	1	2
English	7	7
Exercise Science	3	3
Health Sciences	3	5
History	7	7
Honors College	1	1
Human Resources Development	1	2
Industrial & Systems Engineering	2	2
Integrative Studies	1	1
Mathematics and Statistics	10	6
Nursing	5	10
Organizational Leadership	1	2
Philosophy	4	4
Political Science	4	4
Psychology	2	2
Reading & Language Arts	1	1
Sociology	1	2
Teacher Development & Education Studies	3	3
Wellness, Health Prom. & injury Prevention	2	1

Writing and Rhetoric	10	16
TOTAL	86	106

Misconduct Charges

Plagiarism	44
Cheating	38
Falsification of Records	8
Misrepresentation of Work	1
Unauthorized collaboration	22
TOTAL	113

Sanctions

Number of Students

Reprimand	7
Reprimand/Cite Right	3
Reprimand/1 Credit writing course	2
Reprimand/Probation/Cite Right	1
Probation	13
Probation/Cite Right	2
Probation/1 Credit writing course	1
Deferred Suspension	15
Deferred Suspension/1 Credit writing course	2
Deferred Suspension/1 Credit writing course/Cite Right	1
Deferred Suspension/Cite Right	7
Deferred Suspension/Meet with Adviser	1
Deferred Suspension/Counseling Assessment	1
Deferred Suspension/Probation	10
Deferred Suspension/Probation/Cite Right	2
Expulsion	3
Suspension	7
Suspension/Deferred Suspension	2
Suspension/Probation	5
Suspension/Cite Right	2
Suspension/1 Credit writing course	1
Not Responsible	10
Withdrawn	12
TOTAL	110

In conjunction with the sanctions listed above, 28 students were referred to the Writing Center's Cite Right Program.

Class Status

Number of Students

Freshman	7
Sophomore	24
Junior	46
Senior	20
U2-Second Degree	1
Graduate	5
PhD	1
Guest Student	4
TOTAL	108

Grade Point Average (GPA) Range by Academic Status

<u>Class</u>	<u>GPA Range</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
Freshman	N/A	2
	0.0 – 1.9	3
	2.0 – 2.9	1
	3.0 – 4.0	1
Sophomore	N/A	5
	0.0 – 1.9	1
	2.0 – 2.9	11
	3.0 – 4.0	8
Junior	N/A	9
	0.0 – 1.9	3
	2.0 – 2.9	16
	3.0 – 4.0	18
Senior	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	8
	3.0 – 4.0	14
2 nd Undergrad	N/A	1
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	0
Post Baccalaureate	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	0
Graduate	N/A	4
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	1
PhD	N/A	1
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	0
Guest Student	N/A	3
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	1
TOTAL		111