

Memorandum

To: Academic Affairs

From: Laila Guessous, Julian Rrushi, Greg Thrasher, and Elysa White

Academic Conduct Committee Co-Chairs (2022-23)

Date: July 24, 2023

As co-chairs of the University Academic Conduct Committee (UACC), we are submitting the 2022-23 annual report of the committee's activity, compiled by the Dean of Students, Michael Wadsworth. Past UACC reports have typically covered Fall, Winter and Summer semesters. However, in order to provide an annual report along a similar timeline as other committees, this report only includes data from Fall 2022 and Winter 2023. We anticipate including Summer semester data starting with future reports.

As we come out of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is heartening to see a noteworthy decrease in the number of cases of academic misconduct reviewed by the committee during the Fall and Winter semesters of the 2022-2023 academic year. To provide a comparison, 74 cases were brought forward to the committee in Fall 2021 and 79 cases in Winter 2022, whereas the number of cases dropped to 26 in Fall 2022 and 29 in Winter 2023. The UACC is also seeing less cases involving problematic websites such as Chegg.com that can, in essence, enable cheating on assignments and exams in STEM courses. There were 59 cheating, 25 plagiarism and 20 unauthorized collaboration charges, with the largest number of cases involving Juniors and Seniors.

While the most common sanction has been academic probation, the UACC has continued to work with the Dean of Students office to come up with a variety of developmental sanctions, particularly in cases involving Freshmen students or students struggling academically.

Although the UACC co-chairs are happy to note the reduction in cases brought to the committee, we would be remiss not to caution OU faculty about the rise in the use of ChatGPT and other AI tools by students for assignments. We are already seeing an increase in cases where students are starting to use such tools for writing or programming assignments. We advise faculty to learn about such tools, how to detect their usage and clearly articulate in their syllabi whether their use is allowed or prohibited in their courses.

It has been a pleasure to serve as co-chairs of this committee. Thank you to the committee members for their diligent work and thank you to the Dean of Students office for their guidance and support. We would also like to recognize the very important role that student representatives play on this committee. It is a large time commitment on their part and their insights and feedback during full hearings are extremely valuable.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any further questions or concerns.

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DATE: 7/5/23

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FROM: Michael Wadsworth
Dean of Students

RE: 2022-2023 Annual Report

Attached is the statistical data for use in the 2022-2023 academic conduct committee annual report. Normally, this report would include Fall 2022, Winter 2023 and Summer 2023. However, in order to move the report to a timeline similar to other Senate committees, the report only includes Fall 2022 and Winter 2023. Beginning next year, the report will begin with the Summer term and include the following Fall and Winter terms.

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

It has been a pleasure working with the entire Academic Conduct Committee for the 2022-2023 academic year. If you need additional information, please contact me at ext. 3352.

**Annual Report for Academic Conduct Committee
Fall 2022 - Winter 2023**

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
2022-2023	55	75

During this reporting period, 55 cases were submitted involving 75 students (5 students had 2 cases). There were 35 males and 40 females charged with academic conduct infractions. There were 28 transfer students compared to 39 for the 2021-2022 academic year. Of the 55 cases, 63 students were found responsible and 4 were found not responsible. After fact-findings, cases were withdrawn for 13 students. There were 44 Academic Administrative Hearings and 24 full Academic Conduct Committee Hearings.

There were 2 cases appealed to the Provost office and both appeals were denied. 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 2022	26 cases
Winter 2023	29 cases
<u>Summer 2023</u>	<u>not included</u>
TOTAL	55 cases

<u>Department/School</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Accounting	1	1
Anthropology	1	1
Biology	4	4
Chemistry	1	1
Communication & Journalism	1	1
Computer Science	1	3
Criminal Justice	1	14
Electrical & Computer Engineering	2	3
Engineering	3	4
English	8	10
Health Sciences	4	4
History	4	4
Human Resources Development	1	1
Management and Marketing	1	1
Mathematics and Statistics	12	15
Mechanical Engineering	2	2
Music	1	1
Philosophy	1	1
Political Science	1	1
Psychology	3	5
Women and Gender Studies	1	1

Teacher Development & Education Studies	1	1
Writing and Rhetoric	1	1
TOTAL	55	80

Misconduct Charges

Plagiarism	25
Cheating	59
Cheating on Lab Reports	0
Falsification of Records	0
Resubmission of Original Work	0
Unauthorized collaboration	20
TOTAL	104

Sanctions Given

Reprimand	16
Probation	36
Cite Right	9
Academic Success Appointment	11
Expulsion	0
Suspension	11
TOTAL	93

Class Status

Number of Students

Freshman	17
Sophomore	8
Junior	27
Senior	19
Guest Student	1
Post Baccalaureate	0
2 nd Undergrad	0
Graduate	2
PhD	1
TOTAL	75

Grade Point Average (GPA) Range by Academic Status

<u>Class</u>	<u>GPA Range</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
Freshman	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	7
	2.0 – 2.9	10
	3.0 – 4.0	2
Sophomore	N/A	0

	0.0 – 1.9	2
	2.0 – 2.9	2
	3.0 – 4.0	4
Junior	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	15
	2.0 – 2.9	3
	3.0 – 4.0	11
Senior	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	2
	2.0 – 2.9	7
	3.0 – 4.0	11
2 nd Undergrad	N/A	0
	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	0
	0.0 – 1.9	1
	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	0
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	1
	3.0 – 4.0	0
TOTAL		80