

## Memorandum

To: Academic Affairs

From: Laila Guessous, Julian Rrushi, Elysa White, and Raquel Prieta

Academic Conduct Committee Co-Chairs (2023-24)

Date: June 25, 2024

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As co-chairs of the University Academic Conduct Committee (UACC), we are submitting the 2023-24 annual report of the committee's activity, compiled by the Dean of Students, Michael Wadsworth. In order to follow a similar timeline as other committees, the 2022-23 report only included Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 data. Moving forward, including in this report, Summer semester data will again be included in annual reports.

The number of cases brought forward to the committee from Summer 2023 through Winter 2024 is comparable to the number from the previous year. A total of 70 cases involving 79 students were submitted to the Dean of Students office, with 55 of the cases occurring in the Fall and Winter semesters. This is identical to the number reviewed (55) between Fall 2022 and Winter 2023. Like the previous academic year, the UACC is continuing to see less cases involving problematic websites such as Chegg.com that can, in essence, enable cheating on assignments and exams in STEM courses. There were 54 cheating, 25 plagiarism and 13 unauthorized collaboration charges, with the largest number of cases involving Sophomores and Juniors. The departments of Mathematics and Statistics and English had the largest number cases, with 13 each.

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. 19 students struggling academically have been required to set up an Academic Success Center appointment, as part of their sanction.

Although the UACC co-chairs are happy to note the reduction in cases brought to the committee compared to the high levels experienced at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 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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### **M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** 05/29/24

**TO:** Laila Guessous  
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**FROM:** Michael Wadsworth  
Dean of Students

**RE:** 2023-2024 Annual Report

Attached is the statistical data for use in the 2023-2024 academic conduct committee annual report. The report includes Summer 2023, Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 data.

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 2023-2024 academic year. If you need additional information, please contact me at ext. 3352.

**Annual Report for Academic Conduct Committee  
Summer 2023 - Winter 2024**

| <u>Year</u> | <u>No. of Cases</u> | <u>No. of Students</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2023-2024   | 70                  | 79                     |

During this reporting period, 70 cases were submitted involving 79 students. There were 36 males and 43 females charged with academic conduct infractions. There were 25 transfer students compared to 28 for the 2022-2023 academic year. Of the 70 cases, 56 students were found responsible and 1 was found not responsible. After fact-findings, cases were withdrawn for 22 students. There were 38 Academic Administrative Hearings and 19 full Academic Conduct Committee Hearings.

There was 1 case appealed to the Provost office and at the time of this report it is yet to be resolved. 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**

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Summer 2023        | 15 cases        |
| Fall 2023          | 30 cases        |
| <u>Winter 2024</u> | <u>25 cases</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>70 cases</b> |

| <u>Department/School</u>          | <u>No. of Cases</u> | <u>No. of Students</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Art & Art history                 | 1                   | 1                      |
| Biology                           | 3                   | 3                      |
| Chemistry                         | 2                   | 4                      |
| Computer Science                  | 5                   | 5                      |
| Criminal Justice                  | 1                   | 1                      |
| Electrical & Computer Engineering | 1                   | 2                      |
| Engineering                       | 4                   | 5                      |
| English                           | 13                  | 13                     |
| Health Sciences                   | 3                   | 6                      |
| Human Development & Child Studies | 1                   | 1                      |
| Journalism & Media Studies        | 1                   | 1                      |
| Management and Marketing          | 2                   | 2                      |
| Mathematics and Statistics        | 13                  | 13                     |
| Mechanical Engineering            | 1                   | 1                      |
| Modern Languages & Literature     | 1                   | 1                      |
| Music                             | 1                   | 1                      |
| Nursing                           | 4                   | 4                      |
| Political Science                 | 7                   | 7                      |
| Psychology                        | 3                   | 5                      |
| Sociology                         | 1                   | 1                      |
| <u>Writing and Rhetoric</u>       | <u>2</u>            | <u>2</u>               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>70</b>           | <b>79</b>              |

**Misconduct Charges**

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Plagiarism                    | 25         |
| Cheating                      | 54         |
| Cheating on Lab Reports       | 3          |
| Falsification of Records      | 4          |
| Resubmission of Original Work | 4          |
| Unauthorized collaboration    | 13         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>103</b> |

**Sanctions Given**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Reprimand                    | 14        |
| Probation                    | 40        |
| Cite Right                   | 6         |
| Academic Success Appointment | 19        |
| Expulsion                    | 1         |
| Suspension                   | 2         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>82</b> |

**Class Status****Number of Students**

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Freshman                  | 13        |
| Sophomore                 | 24        |
| Junior                    | 21        |
| Senior                    | 13        |
| Guest Student             | 0         |
| Post Baccalaureate        | 0         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Undergrad | 1         |
| Graduate                  | 6         |
| PhD                       | 1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>79</b> |

**Grade Point Average (GPA) Range by Academic Status**

| <b><u>Class</u></b> | <b><u>GPA Range</u></b> | <b><u>Number of Students</u></b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Freshman            | N/A                     | 0                                |
|                     | 0.0 – 1.9               | 2                                |
|                     | 2.0 – 2.9               | 5                                |
|                     | 3.0 – 4.0               | 6                                |
| Sophomore           | N/A                     | 0                                |
|                     | 0.0 – 1.9               | 2                                |
|                     | 2.0 – 2.9               | 9                                |
|                     | 3.0 – 4.0               | 13                               |

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|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Junior                    | N/A       | 0         |
|                           | 0.0 – 1.9 | 3         |
|                           | 2.0 – 2.9 | 11        |
|                           | 3.0 – 4.0 | 7         |
| Senior                    | N/A       | 0         |
|                           | 0.0 – 1.9 | 2         |
|                           | 2.0 – 2.9 | 4         |
|                           | 3.0 – 4.0 | 7         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Undergrad | N/A       | 0         |
|                           | 0.0 – 1.9 | 0         |
|                           | 2.0 – 2.9 | 0         |
|                           | 3.0 – 4.0 | 1         |
| 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 | 2         |
|                           | 2.0 – 2.9 | 0         |
|                           | 3.0 – 4.0 | 4         |
| PhD                       | N/A       | 0         |
|                           | 0.0 – 1.9 | 0         |
|                           | 2.0 – 2.9 | 0         |
|                           | 3.0 – 4.0 | 1         |
| Guest Student             | N/A       | 0         |
|                           | 0.0 – 1.9 | 0         |
|                           | 2.0 – 2.9 | 0         |
|                           | 3.0 – 4.0 | 0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |           | <b>79</b> |