

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 1979
TO: George T. Matthews, Vice Provost
FROM: Peter G. Evarts, Chairman, Academic Conduct Committee
SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Academic Conduct Committee

The Academic Conduct Committee submits the following report of its activities to the University Senate for the academic year 1978-79:

Total cases heard: 20

Charges:

Cheating on examinations: 13

Plagiarism

(1) Unauthorized use of sources 1

(2) Unauthorized sharing of material
among students 4

Unauthorized revision of official university
documents 2

Departments of origin:

Area Studies 1

History 2

Math 8

Nursing 4

Registrar 2

Sociology/Anthropology 3

Penalties assessed:

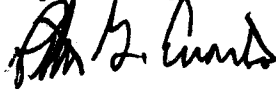
Dismissal	1
Suspension with probation:	
(1) one-year	1
(2) one semester	4
(3) readmission	8
Reprimand with probation	2
Not guilty	4
Appeals from Committee to Senate Steering Committee (Committee upheld)	2

In addition to the disposition of the cases documented above, the Committee also acted upon the final report of a Sub-committee of the Academic Conduct Committee. The Committee's action was to accept the report of an investigation of plagiarism and misrepresentation which had begun in 1977-78, including the Sub-committee's considered opinion that the work of the Sub-committee could not proceed without the appearance of the principal, an appearance deemed unlikely. The Sub-committee was discharged.

In policy matters some questions under discussion by the Committee involved what literally falls within the purview of "academic misconduct" and what perhaps should be litigated by the University through external legal process, as with some problems related to misrepresentation on official university documents.

Other policy questions related to consistency on the part of the Committee in the case of similar violations and general faculty responsibility in attempting to prevent or discourage academic misconduct. These and other questions as well as a request for a joint meeting between the Committee and the Department of Mathematics, have led the Committee to plan a general faculty meeting for the fall semester in which all concerns about the procedures and policies of the Committee and about academic conduct in general can be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,



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