

## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Michelle Piskulich, Senior Associate Provost

From: Dr. Josephine Walwema and Dr. Valerie Palmer-Mehta, Co-Chairs, UACC

RE: 2018-2019 UACC Annual Report

Date: October 7, 2019

---

As co-chairs of the University Academic Conduct Committee (UACC), we are submitting the 2018-2019 annual report of the committee's activity, compiled by the Dean of Students, Michael Wadsworth.

This past academic year, there were 97 cases involving 156 students. This caseload represents an increase from 2016-2017, which experienced 86 cases involving 106 students. However, for comparative purposes, please note that in 2015-2016, there were 111 cases involving 145 students.

The conduct cases in 2018-2019 were evenly split between cheating and plagiarism with 66 cases each. This represents a meaningful rise in plagiarism cases from 2016-2017, which had 44 cases; however, it is less than 2016-2017, which had 78 cases. Additionally, there was a meaningful increase in cheating cases, with only 38 cases reported in 2016-2017.

There were three falsification of records cases in 2018-2019, a small decrease from 2016-2017, which saw eight cases. There was one resubmission of original work case and 20 unauthorized collaboration cases, which is fairly consistent with 2016-2017, which saw one misrepresentation of work case and 22 unauthorized collaboration cases. Unauthorized collaboration continues to be an issue that warrants attention.

Interestingly, there were 43 freshmen, 23 sophomores, 37 juniors, and 45 seniors with ACC cases in 2018-2019. Both the freshmen and senior populations saw a meaningful increase in cases. In 2016-2017, there were only seven freshmen with cases (we saw an increase of 36 cases) and 20 seniors with cases (we saw an increase of 25 cases). Also in 2016-2017, there were 24 sophomores (flat growth) and 46 juniors (small increase) with cases. The graduate student cases combined had flat growth overall. 49 transfer students were involved in cases in 2018-2019, up from 33 in the prior year. These figures suggest it may be beneficial to redouble our efforts to express the importance of academic conduct among those students who have just arrived on our campus (freshmen, transfer students) and those that will be leaving soon (seniors).

Overall, it remains in our interest to continue to stress among our entire student population the importance of academic conduct, particularly in regards to plagiarism, cheating and unauthorized collaboration. It may be useful to stress this to our freshmen, senior, and transfer populations in particular.

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY****DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE  
Suite 150, Oakland Center****M E M O R A N D U M**

DATE: 10/3/19

TO: Valerie Palmer-Mehta  
Academic Conduct Committee Co-Chair

Josephine Walwema  
Academic Conduct Committee Co-Chair

FROM: Michael Wadsworth  
Dean of Students

RE: 2018-2019 Annual Report

Attached is the statistical data for use in the 2018-2019 academic conduct committee annual report. There were 86 males and 70 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 2018-2019 academic year. If you need additional information, please contact me at ext. 3352.

mw  
attachment

**Annual Report for Academic Conduct Committee  
Fall 2018 - Summer 2019**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Cases</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Students</u></b>
2018-2019	97	156

During this reporting period, 97 cases were submitted involving 156 students (2 students had 2 cases). There were 49 transfer students compared to 33 for the 2017-2018 academic year. Of the 99 cases, 131 students were found responsible and 8 were found not responsible. After fact-findings, cases were withdrawn for 23 students. There were 86 Academic Administrative Hearings and 39 full Academic Conduct Committee Hearings.

There were 8 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 2017	47 cases
Winter 2018	42 cases
<u>Summer 2018</u>	<u>8 cases</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97 cases</b>

<b><u>Department/School</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Cases</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Students</u></b>
Biological Sciences	2	3
Biology	5	6
Business	1	2
Chemistry	4	5
Cinema Studies	2	2
Communication & Journalism	4	7
Computer Science & Engineering	9	12
Criminal Justice	6	6
Decision & Information Sciences	4	7
Economics	1	2
Engineering	11	25
English	6	6
Health Sciences	5	21
History	1	1
Honors College	1	1
International Studies	2	2
Management and Marketing	1	2
Mathematics and Statistics	5	7
Mechanical Engineering	5	11
Music, Theatre & Dance	2	3
Nursing	5	9
Organizational Leadership	1	1
Philosophy	1	1
Political Science	2	2
Psychology	2	2
Sociology	2	3

Wellness & Educational Outreach	1	1
Writing and Rhetoric	6	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>156</b>

**Misconduct Charges**

Plagiarism	66
Cheating	66
Falsification of Records	3
Resubmission of Original Work	1
Unauthorized collaboration	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156</b>

**Sanctions****Number of Students**

Reprimand	18
Probation	93
Cite Right	22
Writing 1000	3
Expulsion	2
Suspension	11
Not Responsible	8
Withdrawn	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>175</b>

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

Freshman	43
Sophomore	23
Junior	37
Senior	45
Post Baccalaureate	0
Graduate	4
PhD	2
Guest Student	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154</b>

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>GPA Range</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
Freshman	N/A	13
	0.0 – 1.9	4
	2.0 – 2.9	10
	3.0 – 4.0	16
Sophomore	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	10
	3.0 – 4.0	13
Junior	N/A	1
	0.0 – 1.9	2
	2.0 – 2.9	15

	3.0 – 4.0	28
Senior	N/A	2
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	18
	3.0 – 4.0	16
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	4
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	0
PhD	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	2
Guest Student	N/A	0
	0.0 – 1.9	0
	2.0 – 2.9	0
	3.0 – 4.0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>154</b>