2008/2009
Student Discipline Summaries
September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009

Under section 61 of the University Act, the President of the University has authority to impose discipline on students for academic and non-academic offences (see the 2008/2009 University Calendar). A summary of such disciplinary cases for UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan is posted, without disclosing the names of the students involved.

In the period September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009, 53 students appeared before the President’s Advisory Committee on Student Discipline (PACSD) and 41 were subsequently disciplined. For each case, the events leading to the imposition of the discipline and the discipline imposed are summarized below. Discipline may vary depending upon the circumstances of a particular case.

UBC Vancouver

1. A student committed academic misconduct by copying several answers from the paper of an adjacent student during a midterm examination.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter reprimand*.

2. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that was plagiarized from an assignment that had been previously submitted by another student.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a letter of reprimand*.

3. A student committed academic misconduct by copying answers to several questions on a midterm test from another student.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 6 months*.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a solution to one question on an assignment that was plagiarized from another student and then used an online source to gain a solution for a second question which he/she copied from another student and did not cite.
Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 6 months*.

5. A student committed academic misconduct by sharing his/her solutions to two questions on an assignment and that the student had failed to properly cite his/her use of the Internet sources for the answer to one of the questions.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

6. A student committed academic misconduct by altering answers and marks and forging the instructor’s initials on a midterm examination before submitting it for re-grading.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 8 months*.

7. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by claiming authorship of another student’s marked quiz and actively pursued to have the other student’s grade recorded as his/hers.

Outcome: Allegation dismissed.

8. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a research essay that was substantially plagiarized from previously published articles.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 12 months*.

9. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper that was plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 5 months*.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing sheets of course notes in a washroom during a final examination for the course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course, a letter of reprimand and a suspension from the University of 4 months*.
11. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting material for a group assignment that was plagiarized from a published source.

   Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

12. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to disclose his/her academic information on the application for admission to UBC. In addition, there was a suspicious discrepancy found in verifying the student’s high school grades.

   Discipline: Required to withdraw from the University and that any future application to UBC require documented evidence of post-secondary education qualifications of the necessary standard to warrant readmission*.

13. A student committed non-academic misconduct by assaulting another student and breaking two panes of glass within a university building door.

   Discipline: Student required to repay the University for the costs of replacing the glass panes, avoid contact with the other student and a letter of warning placed on his/her UBC file until graduation.

14. A student committed academic misconduct by altering his/her marked midterm examination and submitted it for re-grading.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 12 months*.

15. A student committed academic misconduct by altering his/her marked midterm examination and submitted it for re-grading.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

16. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct by being involved in a fraudulent bursary application by paying a fee for a service in which a promoter submitted information that falsely identified the student’s participation in activities and changed information related to financial details and the student’s residence on the application.

   Outcome: In the circumstances, no penalty imposed.
17. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct by being involved in a fraudulent bursary application by paying a fee for a service in which a promoter submitted information that falsely identified the student’s participation in activities and changed information related to financial details on the application.

Outcome: In the circumstances, no penalty imposed.

18. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct by being involved in a fraudulent bursary application by paying a fee for a service in which a promoter submitted information that falsely identified the student’s participation in activities and changed information related to financial details on the application.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand*.

19. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct by submitting a fraudulent application for a student bursary and that he/she paid an advertising agent to submit the application.

Outcome: No wrongdoing in this case. The student admitted that he/she did use an advertising service promoted by another party to prepare the student’s bursary application. The application contained truthful information and would have been an acceptable application had it been submitted by the student.

20. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting his/her PhD dissertation which contained material that was plagiarized from a published article.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

21. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by submitting a final paper that was suspected of being written by someone else other than the student.

Outcome: Allegation dismissed. No proof found to support the allegation.

22. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay for a course which was plagiarized from that of another student submitted for the same course approximately two years ago.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 8 months*.
23. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two papers in a course that were plagiarized from Internet sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero for each of the papers and a letter of reprimand*.

24. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct by destroying property of a tenant and making offensive comments to female residents.

Outcome: Student did not commit the alleged acts of non-academic misconduct.

25. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct by destroying property of a tenant and making offensive comments to female residents.

Outcome: No penalty imposed.

26. A student committed non-academic misconduct by approaching several female residents and making offensive comments. In addition, the student caused damage to private property by ripping down posters from a display board and kicking the door outside of a tenant’s room.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand*. The allegation that the student had kicked the door of a tenant was not sustained by the evidence available.

27. A student committed non-academic misconduct when he/she and a group of friends entered a student housing building and targeted a specific room with the intent to rip posters from a tenant’s room door.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

28. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct when he/she and a group of friends entered a student housing building and targeted a specific room with the intent to rip posters from a tenant’s room door.

Outcome: No disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

29. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct when he/she and a group of friends entered a student housing building and targeted a specific room with the intent to rip posters from a tenant’s room door.
Outcome: No disciplinary action is warranted in this case.

30. A student allegedly committed non-academic misconduct when he/she and a group of friends entered a building and targeted a specific room with the intent to rip posters from the tenant’s room door.

Outcome: The student, individually, did not commit the above acts of non-academic misconduct. No discipline assigned.

31. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a research paper that was plagiarized from published articles.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 8 months*.

32. A student committed academic misconduct by displaying intimidating, abusive and inappropriate behavior towards faculty and staff members during a 5 month period.

Discipline: A suspension from the University of 12 months*.

33. A student committed non-academic misconduct by exhibiting inappropriate behavior and unacceptable behavior while interacting and communicating with University administrators, fellow students and a guest lecturer, reported during May 2008 - June 2009.

Discipline: A suspension from the University of 12 months*. During the suspension period, the student is barred from the University campus and should have no contact with the faculty or staff of the University.

34. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two papers in the same course that contained plagiarized material.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 4 months*.
35. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing in unauthorized material (several pages of course notes) into a final examination and consulting them.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 6 months*.

36. A student committed academic misconduct by being involved in an incident where a copy of a final examination was taken from the exam room and replaced with a document purporting to be the exam.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 12 months*.

37. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by submitting answers on an online final examination that were virtually identical to those of another student.

   Outcome: Not sufficient proof to support the allegation. No disciplinary action warranted.

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   Outcome: Not sufficient proof to support the allegation. No disciplinary action warranted.

39. A student committed non-academic misconduct by sending communications to another student in which he/she threatened to kill that student and others.

   Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand.

40. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay that was plagiarized from an Internet source.

   Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 8 months*.
41. A student committed non-academic conduct by being involved in a violent confrontation on campus.

   Discipline: A letter of reprimand, proof of counselling for certain areas of improvement and student on probation for the duration of his/her studies at UBC*.

42. A student committed non-academic conduct by being involved in a violent confrontation on campus.

   Discipline: A letter of reprimand, a suspension from the University of 12 months, proof of counselling, and student on probation during his/her studies at UBC*.

43. A student committed non-academic conduct by being involved in a violent confrontation on campus.

   Discipline: A suspension from the University of 8 months, proof of counselling, student on probation during his/her studies at UBC, and banned from the student pub for the duration of his/her time at UBC*.

44. A student committed non-academic conduct by being involved in a violent confrontation on campus.

   Discipline: A letter of reprimand, a suspension from the University of 8 months, proof of counselling and student on probation during his/her studies at UBC*.

45. A student committed non-academic conduct by being involved in a violent confrontation on campus.

   Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand, proof of counselling and student on probation during his/her studies at UBC.

46. A student committed non-academic conduct by being involved in a violent confrontation on campus.

   Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand, proof of counselling and student on probation during his/her studies at UBC.
47. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a general bursary application completed by a third party and the student knew the application contained incorrect information.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand and the student not be given any bursaries while attending either of the UBC campuses*.

48. A student committed non-academic misconduct by engaging in inappropriate conduct that resulted in disruption of instructional activities in a course on more than one occasion.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand, a grade of W for the course and a suspension from the University until the student is able to present a letter indicating that he/she is well enough to attend classes without disruption and that the student is not a threat to the safety of others.

49. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to provide relevant information on an application to an undergraduate program.

Discipline: A suspension from the University of 8 months*.

50. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a paper containing extensive unacknowledged material.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand and a final grade of 45% in the course.

51. A student committed academic misconduct by bringing in unauthorized material (ipod) into an examination.

Discipline: In the circumstances, a letter of reprimand and a grade of 0% on the final examination.

52. A student committed academic misconduct by providing unauthorized assistance to a fellow student and handling unauthorized material during a final examination.

Discipline: A grade of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 4 months*.
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Discipline: A grade of zero in the course and a suspension from the University of 4 months*.

* In all cases indicated by an asterisk, a notation of disciplinary action is entered on the student’s transcript. At any time after two years have elapsed from the date of his or her graduation the student may apply to the President to exercise his discretion to remove the notation.

Students under disciplinary suspension from UBC may not take courses at other institutions for transfer of credit back to UBC.