



THE UNIVERSITY TRIBUNAL
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
TORONTO, CANADA
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September 16, 1980

Ms. Y.

Toronto, Ontario

Dear Ms. Y.

At its hearing on Monday, September 15, 1980, the Trial Division of the University Tribunal considered the following charges against you:

- that on May 6, 1980, on the final examination in ECOB81Y, you did knowingly possess and use unauthorized aids contrary to Section E.1(a)(i) of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour;
- that in the spring of 1980; you did knowingly submit an essay entitled "Systems Theory in the Comparative Study of Economic Systems - Concepts and Approaches" for credit in ECOB68S, in which you represented as your own, ideas and the expression of ideas of another, contrary to Section E.1(a)(ii) of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour.

I am writing to advise you formally of the decision of the Tribunal with respect to the two charges to which you entered a plea of guilty. The jury unanimously ordered that the following sanctions be imposed:

- 1) that you receive a grade of zero in ECOB81Y;
- 2) that you receive a grade of zero in the essay entitled "Systems Theory in the Comparative Study of Economic Systems - Concepts and Approaches" submitted for credit in ECOB68S and that all other marks earned on other assignments in ECOB68S be counted and constitute your final standing in ECOB68S;
- 3) that you be suspended from the University of Toronto for the 1980/81 winter session;
- 4) that a notation be placed on your transcript for the period of the disciplinary suspension.

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The jury gave the following reasons for imposing these sanctions:

"We felt that there is generally some confusion with the definition of plagiarism and that people from different backgrounds may have problems with the definition. Another question on which there was some confusion was the time of the writing of the two essays. We felt that it was not made clear to us whether she knew at the time of writing the second essay (for which she was charged and did in fact plead guilty) that she knew that she was going to be involved with a plagiarism charge in the first essay; so we could not see that there was necessarily a cause and effect relationship between those two charges. In the case of the exam cheating, it seemed to be clear to us that she had been informed of the plagiarism at least in one essay before she wrote the exam so she knew that cheating was taken fairly seriously at this university. We did not think the medical situation really pertained all that much because with the same forethought that she had in preparing the notes she could have had the forethought to petition or even the afterthought to petition for medical reasons and not have written the exam. As well we felt that the cheating in the exam was not a momentary temptation of someone leaving an examination book visible on another desk; it definitely involved forethought and hence we thought the suspension was warranted."

In accordance with #65 of the Rules of Procedure, I am forwarding to your counsel, Ms. Christine Elliott, and to the university information regarding appeal rights and procedures. A Notice of Appeal would have to be filed with the Secretariat on or before September 30, 1980.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary, Academic Tribunal

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