

March 12th, 1992

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Ms B.

Willowdale, Ontario

Dear Ms B.

At its hearing on Wednesday, March 11th, 1992 the University Tribunal considered the following charges against you:

1. That on or about April 4th, 1991 you did represent as your own in an academic work and submitted for credit, an idea or expression of an idea or work of another, contrary to Section E.1.(a)(ii) of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters;
2. That on or about April 4th, 1991 you did submit for credit, without the knowledge and approval of the instructor, an academic work for which credit had been previously obtained, contrary to Section E.1.(a)(iii) of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters.

In particular, in the Spring of 1991 you were enrolled in the course TSL 031Y. On or about April 4th, 1991 you submitted as your Essay #3 for that course a paper entitled "Is the Inability of Second Language Learners (children over the age of 12 and adults) to Master the Sounds of a Second Language (i.e. to Speak the Second Language Without a Foreign Accent) a Universal Phenomenon? And if so, SHOULD WE BOTHER TEACHING ADULTS PRONUNCIATION?" Many of the ideas, expressions of ideas and much of the work of the paper you submitted was copied or paraphrased from a paper entitled "The Importance of Teaching Pronunciation to Second Language College Students Enrolled in Academic Programs" submitted by a student registered in the 1989 Winter Session of the course TSL 031Y as Essay #4 and for which that student received credit.

The jury unanimously found you guilty of the charges and imposed the following sanctions:

- a grade of zero in the course TSL 031Y;
- suspension from the University for three years, from March 12th, 1992 to March 11th, 1995;
- that the suspension and the reason for it be recorded on your academic transcript for the period of the suspension; and
- that the decision and sanctions imposed be reported to the Vice-President and Provost for publication in the University newspapers.

The jury gave the following reasons for its decision: "We believe that the plagiarism that was engaged in was extreme and therefore warrants the maximum penalty. We do not, however, agree with the argument that plagiarism from a member of the University community is any more serious than plagiarism from any other published or unpublished source. Secondly, and this entered into our deliberations quite a bit, the severity of the sanctions was mainly determined by the premeditation of the act, that is, the photocopying of the paper prior to enrollment. We believe that that premeditation is a reason for the severity of the penalties that we have imposed."

Information concerning rights of appeal may be found in Section L of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. The deadline for filing an appeal by you or by the University is April 6th, 1992.

Yours truly,

Dominique Petersen  
Secretary  
University Tribunal

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cc: J. E. Minor  
L. R. Rothstein  
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D. B. Cook  
N. M. Meltz

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