

Appealed!

1992/93-05

May 15th, 1992

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. T.  
c/o MS Jill Fraser  
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Dear Mr. T.

At its hearing on Thursday, May 14th, 1992 the University Tribunal considered the following charge against you:

1. That in or about March 1991 you did forge or falsify an academic record or make use of such a forged, altered or falsified record contrary to Section E.1.(c) of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1985.

In particular, in March 1991 you were enrolled in ECOB12S. You submitted a petition dated March 8th, 1991 alleging that you were sick on the day the term test was returned. In support of this statement, you submitted a medical certificate purportedly signed by Dr. Irwin Goldstein which in fact was a forged, altered or falsified document. You then presented this medical certificate in support of your petition to withdraw from the course after the deadline.

The jury accepted your plea of guilty to the charge and imposed the following sanctions:

- a grade of zero in the course ECOB12S;
- suspension from the University for one year, from June 1st, 1992 to May 31st, 1993;
- that the suspension and reason for it be recorded on your academic record and transcript for a period of five years, from June 1st, 1992 to May 31st, 1997; and
- that the sanctions imposed be reported to the Vice-President and Provost for publication (name withheld) in the University newspapers.

The jury gave the following reasons for its decision: "The reason for the combination of the one-year suspension, starting June 1st, 1992 but with five years on the record, four reasons as follows: that this be a just, fair and firm penalty because of the forged medical certificate, where the accused did indeed plead guilty to that forgery. Item two, it was decided to put five years on the record as part of that penalty and to inform both the University of Toronto and other universities in the future. To start on the 1st of June, 1992 as part of the penalty: we decided not to recommend a two-year suspension in recognition of the fact that this was a first offence, that the accused pleaded guilty and we do not wish to damage the opportunity for a university education of the accused irreparably. The reason for making the decisions public was so that other students would know of the relationship between what was done and the sentence given, in the interest of deterrence."

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 June 17th, 1992.

Yours truly,

Dominique Petersen  
Secretary  
University Tribunal

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