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University Tribunal

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**Via Registered Mail**

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Mr. A.K.

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Toronto, ON

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Dear Mr. K.:

At its hearing held on July 26, August 10, September 11, 12, and 19, 2000 the Trial Division of the University Tribunal considered the following charges against you:

1. That on or about December 11, 1997, you did knowingly forge or in any other way alter or falsify an academic record, namely, your examination in PHY A10F, or you did utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified record contrary to section B.1.3 (a) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995* (the "Code"). Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you forged, altered or falsified the record or uttered, circulated or made use of a forged, altered or falsified record.
2. In the alternative, on or about December 11, 1997, you did knowingly engage in a form of cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind, namely you submitted your examination PHY A10F which had been altered, contrary to section B.1.3 (b) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995*. Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you engaged in cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind.
3. On or about September 11, 1998 you did knowingly forge or in any other alter or falsify an academic record, namely, your mid-term examination in MGTA02Y given on June 24, 1998, or you did utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified record contrary to section B.1.3 (a) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995*. Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you forged, altered or falsified the record or uttered, circulated or made use of a forged, altered or falsified record.

4. In the alternative, on or about September 11, 1998, you did knowingly engage in a form of cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind, namely you re-submitted your mid-term examination in MGTA02Y given on June 24, 1998, which had been altered, contrary to section B.1.3. (b) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995*. Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you engaged in cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind.
5. In or about August and September 1998, you did knowingly forge or in any other way alter or falsify an academic record, namely your mid-term examination #1 in ECOA03Y given on June 9, 1998 or you did utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified record contrary to section B.1.3 (a) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995*. Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you forged, altered, or falsified the record or uttered, circulated or made use of a forged, altered or falsified record.
6. In the alternative, on or about August and September 1998, you did knowingly engage in a form of cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind, namely, you re-submitted your mid-term examination #1 in ECOA03Y given on June 9, 1998, which had been altered, contrary to section B.1.3. (b) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995*. Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you engaged in cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind
7. In or about August and September, 1998, you did knowingly forge or in any other way alter or falsify an academic record, namely, your mid-term examination #2 in ECOA03Y given on July 9, 1998, or you did utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified record contrary to section B.1.3 (a) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995*. Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you forged, altered or falsified the record or uttered, circulated or made use of a forged, altered or falsified record.
8. In the alternative, in or about August and September 1998, you did knowingly engage in a form of cheating, academic dishonesty of misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind, namely, you re-submitted your mid-term examination #2 in ECOA03Y given July 9, 1998 which had been altered, contrary to section B.1.3 (b) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995*. Pursuant to section B of the Code, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you engaged in cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind.

The particulars of the charges were as follows:

PHY A10F

1. In the fall of 1997, you were a student in PHY A10F;
2. On or about December 11, 1997, you wrote the final examination in PHY A10F.
3. During the course of that examination, or immediately thereafter, you altered the following information contained on your examination answer paper.
  - a. your name to read "RAAW, RAJA",
  - b. your student number from 961060350 to an invalid number, 961868868; and
  - c. the seat number recorded in the front of the exam.
4. No examination paper was submitted in your name, or containing your student number.
5. No such student as RAAW, RAJA was enrolled in PHY A10F, nor did that name appear on the signature list obtained from those students in attendance at the examination on December 11, 1997.

MGTA02Y

6. In the summer of 1998 you were a student in MGTA02Y.
7. On or about June 24, 1998, you wrote a mid-term examination in the course, for which you received a mark of 10/25 marks for the short answer part, and 40/75 for the multiple choice part, for a total of 50/100. The mid-term examination was worth 35% of the final mark in the course.
8. After the course ended you expressed dissatisfaction with your final grade of D+ in the course, and requested a summary of your marks. This was provided to you.
9. You then claimed that an error had occurred in the marking of the mid-term examination held June 22, 1998, such that you claimed you had received a mark of 65/100.
10. After first claiming that you had thrown out your copy of the mid-term examination, you provided a crumpled and torn copy of the cover page of the mid-term examination in which you had altered the total mark to 65/100, made up of a perfect score of 25/25 on the short answer part of the exam and 40/75 for the multiple choice questions. Several days later you provided a package containing remnant pieces of some pages of the mid-term examination, accounting for approximately 11 of the 25 marks on the short answer component of the exam.

ECOA03Y

11. In the summer of 1998 you were a student in ECOA03Y.
12. On or about June 9, 1998 you wrote mid-term examination #1 in the course, for which you received a mark of 47.5%.
13. On or about July 13, 1998 you wrote mid-term examination #2, for which you received a mark of 43%.

14. On or about August 13, 1998 at the time of the final examination in the course, you claimed that the marks recorded for you on both mid-term examinations #1 and #2 were in error, and that you had received marks of 83% and 80% respectively.
15. On or about September 9, 1998 you re-submitted the mid-term examination papers for each mid-term examinations #1 and #2 on which you had altered the assigned marks and at least some of the answers.

At the hearing held on September 19, 2000, Counsel for the University and your Counsel made a joint submission in which you pled guilty to charges 1, 3, 5 and 7, with charges 2, 4, 6 and 8 being disregarded. The Panel accepted this joint submission.

Counsel for the University and your Counsel then made a joint recommendation with respect to sanction. After deliberation, the Panel accepted the joint recommendation/submission of the parties and imposed the following sanctions:

- assignment of a grade of zero in each of the three courses (PHY A10F, MGT A02Y, and ECO A03Y);
- suspension from the University for four years, effective July 1, 2000; and
- that the sanction of suspension be noted on your academic record and transcript for a period of five years, commencing July 1, 2000.

The Tribunal also recommended that this case be reported to the Provost, who may publish a notice of the decision in the University newspapers, with your name withheld.

The Panel provided the following reasons for its decision.

*By way of reasons, the Panel concurs that the students has pled guilty to very serious offences - they were repeated, they had a pattern of being deliberate and pre-determined and so it agrees that sanctions at the severe end of the scale are warranted. However, the matter has been resolved short of a lengthy hearing and in view of the pattern and the previous penalties imposed, the Panel is prepared to accept the joint submission of the parties.*

Yours sincerely,

**Margaret McKone**

Ms Margaret McKone  
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University Tribunal

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