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AGENDA ITEM: 13 (c)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Provost's Annual Report on Cases of Academic Discipline

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, 1995 requires the Provost to report annually in statistical format on cases of academic discipline to Academic Board.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

N.A.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The caseload associated with academic discipline increased noticeably at the Faculty of Arts and Science, the University of Toronto at Mississauga, the University of Toronto at Scarborough, and the School of Graduate Studies. However, the number of discipline cases dealt with at the decanal level continues to rise steadily. During 2003-04, reported plagiarism cases rose by 31% over the previous year across all three campuses. This increase may be related to increased detection as a result of the introduction and widespread use of Turnitin.com during the academic year 2003-04. In fall 2002, the University entered into a licensing agreement with iParadigms for Turnitin.com, a tool to assist in the detection of plagiarism, however it was not fully utilized in practice until 2003-04.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

N.A.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report is presented for information.

SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY TRIBUNAL CASES

September 1, 1979 to August 31, 2004

Year	Trial Division	Appeals	Acquittals	Expulsions/ Degree Revocations	
1979-80	17	2	3	4	
1980-81	12	5	1	-	
1981-82	10	4	2	-	
1982-83	10	3	-	4	
1983-84	6	3	-	-	
1984-85	5	5	-	1	
1985-86	1	-	-	-	
1986-87	10	1	4	2	
1987-88	2	2	-	1	
1988-89	4	-	-	-	
1989-90	4	1	-	-	
1990-91	1	-	-	-	
1991-92	10	2	-	1	
1992-93	10	5	2	1	
1993-94	20	1	-	1	
1994-95	12	-	1	2	
1995-96	9	4	1	1	
1996-97	7	-	1	3	
1997-98	5	1	-	1	
1998-99	9	1	-	1	
1999-00	6	2	-	-	
2000-01	6	-	2	1	
2001-02	8	1	-	2	
2002-03	2	-	-	-	
2003-04	2	2	-	1	
TOTALS	188	45	17	27	

APPENDIX "A2"

TRIBUNAL CASES

a) Student Offences by Academic Division

Academic Division	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
Applied Science & Engineering	2	-	-	-	-
Arts & Science	1	4	3	-	2
Dentistry	-	-	-	-	-
Graduate Studies	-	-	-	-	-
Law	-	-	1	-	-
Medicine	-	-	-	-	-
Music	-	-	-	-	-
Nursing	-	-	-	-	-
OISE/UT	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmacy	-	-	-	-	-
Physical Education & Health	-	-	-	-	-
UTM	-	-	1	-	-
UTSC	3	2	3	2	-
TOTALS	6	6	8	2	2

b) Student Offences by Type of Offence

Offence	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
Plagiarism	2	-	1	1	1
Unauthorized aids/assistance on exams/tern tests / collaboration	2	4	1	-	-
Forgery/Alteration of Records/ Submitted work	2	1	2	1	1
Impersonation	ı	-	3	ı	-
Essay Services	-	-	-	-	-
Submitting same work for 2 courses	-	-	-	-	-
Bribery	-	-	1	-	-
Misuse of computer privileges	-	-	-	-	-
Admission Related Offence	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	6	8	2	2

APPENDIX "B1"

DIVISIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES STUDENT OFFENCES BY ACADEMIC DIVISION

Academic Division	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
Applied Science & Engineering	10	14	18	9	20
Arts & Science	125	185	240	236	222
Dentistry	-	5	1	2	-
Graduate Studies	19	16	8	13	19
Law	-	25	-	-	-
Medicine	-	1	-	-	-
Music	-	ı	ı	2	2
Nursing	-	-	-	1	5
OISE/UT	-	ı	1	ı	-
Pharmacy	1	ı	ı	10	5
Physical & Health Education	1	ı	ı	ı	3
UTM	93	88	130	85	127
UTSC	96	60	89	83	100
TOTALS	345	394	487	441	503

DIVISIONAL DISCIPLINE CASES STUDENT OFFENCES BY TYPE OF OFFENCE

Offence	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04
Plagiarism	155	165	254	226	298
Unauthorized aids/assistance on exams/term tests	56	69	49	56	77
Collaboration	100	95	154	114	72
Copying	17	14	-	5	14
Resubmitting altered work for credit	3	3	8	6	5
Admission-related offences	-	1	3	3	5
Impersonation during exam/term test	-	4	4	3	-
Borrowed/bought/stolen papers	4	4	1	6	2
Essay services	1	-	-	1	-
Submitting same work for 2 courses	1	6	2	6	11
Misuse of University equipment	-	-	-	-	_
Forgery	5	30	9	9	16
Other	3	3	3	6	3
TOTALS	345	394	487	441	503

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