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AGENDA ITEM: 12 (a)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Provost's Annual Report on Cases of Academic Discipline 2004-05 and 2005-06

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:

Each year divisions are asked to report on cases disposed of under Section C of the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*. The data in general reflect a growing trend in the number of cases of academic misconduct handled both at the divisional level and by the University Tribunal. However, it should be noted that the Report contains raw data – counts of offences and offenders – rather than normalized data and the trend is mitigated to some degree by the growth in the University's enrollment and improvements in the University's means of detecting and handling cases of academic misconduct.

The number of cases heard by the University Tribunal decreased slightly compared with 2004-05. However, it should be noted that the total number of offences increased, and was greater than the number of offenders (page 3) indicating that several offenders committed multiple offences. The majority of these offences related to the use of unauthorized aids/collaboration and plagiarism. The number of discipline cases dealt with at the decanal level showed a marked increase, particularly within the Faculty of Arts & Science and the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering. A significant component of the increase in the

Faculty of Arts & Science was associated with 115 students who committed offences related to the use of unauthorized aids across three courses. During 2005-06, offences related to the use of unauthorized aids more than doubled and reported plagiarism cases rose by 31% over the previous year. The increase in plagiarism cases may be related to increased detection as a result of improved expertise with internet searches and the introduction of Turnitin.com during the academic year 2003-04, which is now in widespread use across the divisions.

The University continues to take a proactive approach to academic integrity issues. The Office of Teaching Advancement hosts both an on-campus resource centre and an Academic Integrity web site which bring together materials and resources for faculty, students and TAs (www.utoronto.ca/academicintegrity). The OTA also runs a variety of workshops and information sessions on a range of topics related to the promotion of academic integrity. Workshops are also organized centrally to assist those responsible for administering the Code at the divisional level. These efforts are augmented by a wide variety of educational initiatives within the divisions that are designed specifically to raise awareness of the importance of academic integrity and to help promote the divisions' commitment to prevention.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

N.A.

RECOMMENDATION:

Report is presented for information.

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Summary of University Tribunal Cases September 1, 1979 to August 31, 2006

Year	Trial Division	Appeals	Acquittals	Expulsions/ Degree Revocations
1979-80	17	2	3	4
1980-81	12	5	1	0
1981-82	10	4	2	0
1982-83	10	3	0	4
1983-84	6	3	0	0
1984-85	5	5	0	1
1985-86	1	0	0	0
1986-87	10	1	4	2
1987-88	2	2	0	1
1988-89	4	0	0	0
1989-90	4	1	0	0
1990-91	1	0	0	0
1991-92	10	2	0	1
1992-93	10	5	2	1
1993-94	20	1	0	1
1994-95	12	0	1	2
1995-96	9	4	1	1
1996-97	7	0	1	3
1997-98	5	1	0	1
1998-99	9	1	0	1
1999-00	11	1	0	0
2000-01	4	1	1	1
2001-02	8	0	0	1
2002-03	2	0	0	0
2003-04	2	0	0	1
2004-05	13	1	0	2
2005-06	11	2	0	6

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Summary of University Tribunal Cases Student Offenders by Academic Division

Academic Division	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Applied Science & Engineering	3	0	1	0	0	3	0
Arts & Science	3	1	2	0	2	1	1
Dentistry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graduate Studies	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Law	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Medicine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Music	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nursing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OISE/UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pharmacy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Education & Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UTM	0	0	1	0	0	4	6
UTSC	4	3	3	2	0	2	3
Totals	11	4	8	2	2	13	11

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Summary of University Tribunal Cases Offences by Type

Academic Division	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Forgery, Falsification not transcripts B.I.1.a	2	2	0	1	5	2	0
Unauthorized Aid also collaboration B.I.1.b	4	0	3	0	1	5	9
Personation B.I.1.c	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Plagiarism B.I.1.d	4	2	1	1	1	9	13
Essay Service (type of plagiarism)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Re-submitted work B.I.1.e	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Concoction B.I.1.f	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Forgery, Falsification transcripts, records B.I.3.a	0	4	11	0	0	2	4
Cheating, Dishonesty B.I.2.b	5	0	1	0	5	4	2
Cases against Faculty B.I.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals <i>offences</i> [†] , not offenders	15	11	20	2	12	23	33
Totals <i>offenders</i> [‡] , not offences	11	4	8	2	2	13	11

Notes:

[†] The number of offences above counts the number of offences proved by the Trial Division of the University Tribunal.

[‡] The number of offenders above counts the number of individuals found by the Trial Division of the University Tribunal to have committed an offence (or offences).

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Summary of Divisional Cases Student Offenders by Academic Division

Academic Division	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Applied Science & Engineering	10	14	18	9	20	55	152
Arts & Science	125	185	240	236	222	252	515 [†]
Dentistry	0	5	1	2	0	2	1
Graduate Studies	19	16	8	13	19	17	16
Information Studies	7	7	0	0	0	4	4
Law	0	25	0	0	0	0	0
Medicine	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Music	0	0	0	2	2	0	4
Nursing	0	0	0	1	5	6	8
OISE/UT	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Pharmacy	1	0	0	10	5	0	1
Physical Education & Health	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Social Work	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
UTM	93	88	130	85	127	93	111
UTSC	96	60	89	83	100	85	79
Totals	345	394	487	441	503	516	892

Notes:

[†] This number includes 115 offenders guilty of similar offences committed across three courses.

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Summary of Divisional Cases Offences by Type

Academic Division	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Forgery, Falsification not transcripts B.I.1.a	3	3	8	6	5	14	25
Unauthorized Aid also collaboration B.I.1.b	173	178	203	175	163	217	447
Personation B.I.1.c	0 [†]	4	4	3	0	0	2
Plagiarism B.I.1.d	159	169	255	232	300	308	403
Essay Service type of plagiarism	1	0	0	1	0	3	2
Re-submitted work B.I.1.e	1	6	2	6	11	3	3
Concoction B.I.1.f	- [‡]	-	-	-	-	0	0
Forgery, Falsification transcripts, records B.I.2.a	5	30	9	9	16	0	0
Cheating, Dishonesty B.I.2.b	-	-	-	-	-	11	14
Cases against Faculty B.I.3	-	-	-	-	-	0	1
Other	3	4	6	9	8	-	-
Totals	345	394	487	441	503	516	893

Notes:

[†] A '0' indicates that no offences of the type in question were reported.

[‡] A '-' indicates that the type of offence in question was not reported in that year under its present description; relevant offences in such years are captured under different descriptions.