

Revisions to the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (CBAM)

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Objectives & Scope

The review focused on:

- Procedural fairness
- Timeliness
- Clarity of roles and responsibilities
- Upholding fairness and honesty in the academic work of students

Consultation

Memos

- PDAD&C memos, Provost's Weekly Digest (faculty and staff)

Emails to 45 student societies from the Vice-Provost, Students

Targeted Surveys

- Accessibility Services
- Downtown Legal Services
- Principals and Deans (P&D)
- Tri-Campus Vice-Presidents (TVP)

Survey Responses

- Survey on Principles: 34 responses
- Survey on Changes: 21 responses

Consultation: Meetings

- Academic Integrity Staff
- Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation
- Centre for International Experience
- Office of Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances
- Office of the Ombudsperson
- Paliare Roland (discipline counsel)
- Provostial Advisory Group on Academic Integrity
- University Registrar's Office

What we heard

- Honesty, transparency, and fairness
- Lack of clarity, consistency, delays, and other issues
- The administrative burden of enforcement
- Perceived harshness of the penalties
- Challenges of widespread use of generative AI
- Impact on international students

General updates

- Renumbering
- Definitions up front
 - Updated to clarify the role of the School of Graduate Studies in academic integrity matters
- Formatting to address accessibility (e.g., removed tables)
- Tribunal procedure updates to reflect current practice
 - Virtual hearings
 - “Balance of probabilities”

Key Proposed Revisions

Procedures

- Notice requirements
- Deemed admission, along with a process for a student to "resile or withdraw from the deemed admission"
- Department chair jurisdictional threshold raised from 10% to 15%

Sanctions

- Expansion of divisional sanctions suspension >12 months, not more than 24 months
- Forfeiture of unauthorized aids

For Information Only: Provost's Guidelines on Sanctions for Divisions and Discipline Counsel

- Appended for information
- Updated to reflect CBAM changes; includes guidance on forfeiture of devices

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The Provost shall, from time to time, indicate appropriate sanctions for certain offences. These guidelines shall be sent for information to the Academic Board”

CBAM section 38

Effective Date of July 1, 2025

Offences alleged to have been committed on July 1, 2025 or later

- Entirely under 2025 CBAM

Offences identified July 1, 2025 or later but alleged to have been committed before July 1, 2025

- Offences defined per 2019 CBAM
- Remainder under 2025 CBAM **except** new forfeiture sanction does not apply

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Divisional matters in progress

- Offences defined per 2019 CBAM
- Remainder under 2025 CBAM **except** new forfeiture sanction does not apply
- New notice must be sent to student if division wishes to use deemed admission provision

Tribunal matters in progress

- Offences defined per 2019 CBAM
- Remainder under 2025 CBAM **except** new forfeiture sanction does not apply
- Divisional authority to impose up to two-year suspension is available for matters sent back to the division for sanctioning

Supporting Implementation

For July 1, 2025

- Updates to academic integrity website
- Sample notice letter for divisions
- Handouts for divisions in DD meetings on the transition
- Notice of changes to tri-campus teaching centres, accessibility offices, etc.
- Notice of changes to Downtown Legal Services
- Support to divisions (PAG-AI, staff leads) as needed, including guidance on 2-year suspension option

2025-26 academic year

- Develop technological solution to support Provostial-level case management and integration with divisional case management systems

2026 and beyond

- Monitor changes; pilot options not integrated this time