

**GOVERNING COUNCIL JUDICIAL BOARD
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

IN THE MATTER OF charges of academic misconduct filed on October 31, 2024,

AND IN THE MATTER OF the *University of Toronto Act*, 1947, S.O. 1947, c. 112, as am.

AND IN THE MATTER OF the *University of Toronto Act*, 1971, S.O. 1971, c. 56 as am.
S.O. 1978, c. 88

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REASONS FOR DECISION

Hearing Date: November 14, 2025, via Zoom

Members of the Judicial Board:

Sana Halwani, Senior Chair

Professor Adam Stinchcombe, Teaching Staff Member

Susan Froom, Student Member

Appearances:

Ryan Shah, Counsel for the University, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP

Darryl Singer, Diamond & Diamond, Counsel for the Graduate

Hearing Secretary:

Karen Bellinger, Associate Director, Office of Appeals, Discipline and Faculty
Grievances

In Attendance:

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I. Charges and Procedural History

1. The Judicial Board (the “Board”) held a hearing on November 14, 2025, to address the following charges brought by the University of Toronto (the “University”) against Y■■ G■ (the “Graduate”) pursuant to s. 48(c) of the *University of Toronto Act, 1947* (the “1947 Act”) and s. 2(14)(o) of the *University of Toronto Act, 1971* (the “1971 Act”), collectively, the “Acts”:
 1. On or about September 9, 2021, you were guilty of infamous conduct in that you forged or in any other way altered or falsified an academic record, and/or uttered, circulated or made use of any such forged, altered or falsified record, and/or attempted to utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified record, namely a document purporting to be Transcript of Consolidated Academic Record from the University of Toronto dated August 24, 2020 (the “Purported Transcript”).
 2. On or about September 9, 2021, you were guilty of disgraceful conduct in that you forged or in any other way altered or falsified an academic record, and/or uttered, circulated or made use of any such forged, altered or falsified record, and/or attempted to utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified record, namely the Purported Transcript.
 3. On or about September 9, 2021, you were guilty of conduct unbecoming a graduate of the University in that you forged or in any other way altered or falsified an academic record, and/or uttered, circulated or made use of any such forged, altered or falsified record, and/or attempted to utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified record, namely the Purported Transcript.
2. The Graduate was first registered in the Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto in Fall 2016 to Winter 2021. In June 2021, he graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Science degree. The facts forming the basis of the charges occurred after the Graduate had graduated from the University. It is for that reason that the charges are being adjudicated by a Judicial Board of the Governing Council and not the University Tribunal.

II. Agreed Statement of Facts.

3. At the outset of the hearing, the Board was advised that the matter would proceed on the basis of an Agreed Statement of Facts (“ASF”, attached as Appendix A to this decision without appended documents). The Board received into evidence a Book of Documents that included the ASF.
4. The Graduate pleaded guilty to all three charges, on the basis that an agent acting on his behalf falsified his transcript and made use of that Falsified Transcript (defined below) in applying to graduate schools. The Graduate admitted that, while he was not personally aware that the agent had falsified these records, he acknowledged that the guarantee of admission made by the agent together with his lower GPA (2.35) and substantial fee (\$160,000 USD) should have caused him to suspect that the agent would misrepresent his record. The Graduate further admitted that he recklessly created the circumstances for the circulation of the Falsified Transcript when he failed to investigate the agent and their services and failed to supervise the agent or review the materials submitted. Finally, the Graduate admitted that the circulation of the Falsified Transcript occurred as a result of his failure to supervise the Agent and accordingly, that he was responsible for the circulation of the Falsified Transcript to Johns Hopkins University by the agent.
5. The following description of the facts is taken from the ASF:
 7. In or around August 2020, the Graduate was referred to Hilighen (the “Agent”) by a friend. The Agent is an organization based in China that held itself out as offering guaranteed admission into top universities in exchange for a fee.
 8. In or around December 2020, the Graduate contacted the Agent to engage the Agent to apply for admission to post-undergraduate programs on the Graduate’s behalf.
 9. On or about July 2021, the Graduate paid approximately \$160,000 USD to the Agent as consideration for the Agent’s promise to prepare application packages on the Graduate’s behalf and to submit them to post-undergraduate programs at universities in Canada, the United States and United Kingdom (the “Agreement”).

10. The Agent represented to the Graduate that it had good relationships with universities in these countries and, as part of the Agreement, guaranteed that the Graduate would be accepted into at least one post-undergraduate program.
11. On August 24, 2020, the Graduate submitted an online request for an official transcript from the University of Toronto through Parchment, which allows individuals to order and obtain transcripts from the University Registrar's Office.
12. That day, on August 24, 2020, the Graduate received an electronic copy of his official transcript through Parchment. The Graduate requested his official transcript from the University of Toronto for the purposes of applying to post-undergraduate programs and provided the official transcript he received from Parchment to the Agent for this purpose.
13. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Agent prepared an application package on the Graduate's behalf for admission to Johns Hopkins University ("JHU"), among other universities.
14. On or about September 9, 2021, the Agent submitted this application package to JHU on the Graduate's behalf online. The Graduate admits that he did not review the application package before it was sent to JHU on his behalf.
15. The Graduate accepts and agrees that he is responsible for the circulation of the application package, including the Falsified Transcript, described below, to JHU on his behalf.
16. The application package submitted to JHU contained a document purporting to be the Graduate's transcript from the University of Toronto, dated August 24, 2020 (the "Falsified Transcript"). The Agent also sent a copy of the Falsified Transcript to JHU via mail.

[...]
18. The Falsified Transcript was not a true copy of the official transcript the Graduate had received on August 24, 2020, and did not accurately reflect the Graduate's academic record at the University. The Falsified Transcript was forged, altered and falsified including by: [...] inflating the grades of the Graduate, such that the Graduate's CGPA was increased from 2.35 to 3.82.

[...]

22. On February 15, 2024, John Leahy, Senior Fraud Investigator at JHU, sent an email to the Chief Administrative Officer of the University of Toronto Mississauga [enclosing the Falsified Transcript] which stated as follows: “I am writing to request assistance in contacting your registrar’s office. We have received the attached transcripts from a student application at JHU. We believe the transcripts are fraudulent and would like your registrar to review them. Could you please forward my email to the Registrar’s office or provide their email address to me.”

[...]

25. On or about February 20, 2024, Rachele Allen, Service Coordinator, Transcripts in the University Registrar’s Office, emailed Mr. Leahy to advise that the Falsified Transcript was not an accurate or authentic representation of the Graduate’s academic record at the University. [...]

6. During the hearing, the Board noticed a factual error in the ASF and brought that error to the attention of the Parties. Although we understand that mistakes can occur, we remind the parties appearing before the Judicial Board (or any University tribunal process) that they must make every effort to avoid errors or inaccuracies in an ASF. Panels expect ASFs to be accurate as they place great reliance on the evidence in them. This is especially so when ASFs are accompanied by JSPs in view of the enormous bar to depart from a JSP.

III. Finding on Charges

7. The University must establish, on a balance of probabilities, that an academic offence under the *1947 Act* has been committed by the Graduate. The *1947 Act* creates obligations on Graduates not to engage in infamous conduct, disgraceful conduct, or conduct unbecoming a graduate of the University.

8. The Board concluded that charge 3 (“conduct unbecoming a graduate”) had been proven and accepted the guilty plea of the Graduate in respect of that charge. Given that result and given the position of the parties expressed at the hearing that there was no difference between the three charges, the Board did not find it necessary to consider or make a finding on charges 1 or 2.

9. In 2022, the Judicial Board in *University of Toronto and Y.Y.* (November 22, 2022) made these comments:

The Panel was asked to determine that the Former Student was guilty of "any infamous or disgraceful conduct" or of "conduct unbecoming a graduate of the University". These broad and to our ears, Victorian-sounding-phrases provide limited guidance as to how they should be applied. The contrast between them and the more specific language of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters that applies to academic discipline cases before the University Tribunal with respect to current students at the University is stark.

10. Since that time, the Judicial Board has provided no further guidance on the differences (if any) between infamous conduct, disgraceful conduct, and conduct unbecoming a graduate of the University. In fact, in many previous published Judicial Board decisions, the graduate or former student has only been found guilty of charge 3 whether because the Board made that finding or because the University withdrew charges 1 and 2 upon a finding or admission of guilt on charge 3.
11. Further, the parties in this case did not make submissions as to the differences (if any) between the elements of each offence or evidence necessary to make a finding for each offence. Rather, as noted earlier, when questioned on this issue, both parties advised that their position was that there would be no practical effect on the Graduate of being found guilty of one, or more of the charges.
12. Without deciding whether or not there are legal differences between the three offences, the Board decided that the more appropriate finding in these circumstances, and based on precedents provided to us (namely *University of Toronto and C.C.T.* (April 3, 2024) ("*C.C.T.*"), and the *University of Toronto and Y.L.* (September 10, 2021) ("*Y.L.*")), was to find the Graduate guilty of charge 3 and to dismiss charges 1 and 2. We leave it to a future Judicial Board in an appropriate case to provide additional guidance.
13. Although the Graduate's plea in this case does not admit actual knowledge of the Agency's falsifications, the Graduate failed to supervise the Agency or review any applications submitted on his behalf. A student or graduate cannot contract out of

his responsibility to ensure that University records submitted in applications are authentic.

14. Here, the Graduate knew that the Agency would be submitting applications on his behalf; knew that the Agency was guaranteeing admission to a top post-graduate program in Canada, the United States or the United Kingdom; knew that he was paying a substantial fee of \$160,000 USD; and knew that his actual cumulative GPA from the University was 2.35.
15. The Graduate was reckless in his failure to investigate how the Agency could guarantee admission to graduate programs in top universities like JHU and was reckless in his failure to supervise the Agency. The Graduate abdicated his responsibility. Such abdication of responsibility constitutes conduct unbecoming a graduate of the University.
16. As was expressed in the *University of Toronto and T. C. H.* (October 29, 2019):

The integrity of the University as an educational institution and as a degree granting body is fundamental to the academic relationship, including the relationship between the Graduate and this University. Many important third parties, including as in this case institutions of higher education, rely on the records of transcripts, degrees and apparent letters of reference as correctly representing the academic achievements of those who submit them. Falsification of transcripts and letters of reference strikes at the heart of the honesty and integrity which is at the core of the academic experience and evaluation. It not only undermines the credibility of the University, but also the credibility of other students who have achieved and seek to rely on the records contained in their transcripts. The Graduate failed to ensure that the records he submitted to other academic institutions were accurate.

17. Based on both the Graduate's admissions and the uncontradicted evidence as to the use of the Falsified Transcript by the Graduate's agent, the Board is satisfied that the Graduate uttered, circulated or made use of a forged, altered or falsified record, being a University of Toronto transcript. On that basis, the Board concluded that the Graduate was guilty of conduct unbecoming a graduate of the University.

IV. Finding on Penalty

18. The sanctions that may be imposed for conduct found to be infamous, disgraceful, or unbecoming a graduate of the University are the cancellation, recall or suspension of a student's degree.
19. Once the Board had made a determination on the charges, the Board was provided with a Joint Submission on Penalty ("JSP"), which is attached as Appendix B. The proposed penalty included the following:
 1. The Bachelor of Science degree conferred by the University of Toronto on the Graduate be suspended for five years from the date of this order;
 2. The Graduate be required and directed to surrender for the degree certificate evidencing the Bachelor of Science degree conferred on him by the University of Toronto for the period of the suspension; and
 3. The fact that the University of Toronto has suspended for five years the Bachelor of Science degree it conferred on the Graduate be recorded permanently on the Graduate's academic record and transcript.
20. To support this proposed penalty, Counsel to the University made submissions on the following:
 1. The high bar to depart from a JSP;
 2. Relevant factors in determining appropriate sanctions; and
 3. The typical penalties for similar cases.

A. High Bar to Depart from JSP

21. As the Judicial Board explained in the *C.C.T.*, the Board is not bound by the JSP and can decide on a penalty that is greater or lesser than what is being proposed. However, a joint submission with respect to penalty should be accepted unless the submission would be contrary to the public interest or bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

22. Further, as was expressed in *University of Toronto and W.K.* (Case no. 1197, May 3, 2022) (“*W.K.*”):

The Tribunal is aware of the value in respecting and deferring to joint submissions. While the Tribunal retains the discretion to reject joint submissions in appropriate cases, the fact that adversarial parties have agreed on the appropriate sanction is a strong indication that the appropriate balancing of interests has occurred.

23. This high bar is also appropriate because the Board may not be privy to all the facts or evidence that it would have been aware of in a contested penalty hearing. Indeed, counsel for the Graduate – who is experienced in these matters – agreed that the JSP was fair and appropriate and alluded to the lengthy negotiations between the University and the Student that led to the JSP.
24. The Graduate has acknowledged that the Board has the ability to depart from a joint penalty submission if it has grounds to do so, including to impose a more severe penalty than the one the JSP recommends.

B. Relevant Factors

25. It is well established in cases under the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*, that in determining an appropriate sanction the following factors should be considered:
1. the character of the person charged;
 2. the likelihood of repetition of the offence;
 3. the nature of the offence committed;
 4. any extenuating circumstances surrounding commission of the offence;
 5. the detriment to the University occasioned by the offence; and
 6. the need to deter others from committing a similar offence.
26. These factors apply equally for cases before the Judicial Board.

27. **Character of the Graduate:** The Graduate has admitted the offence which shows that he has insight into his actions and remorse for his conduct. In addition, the Graduate has participated and cooperated in the proceeding by entering into an ASF and JSP. With the University's consent, the Graduate was also permitted to address the Board. The Graduate took responsibility for the situation, expressed remorse, expressed an understanding of the impact of his actions, and apologized for his actions. The Board found his statement to be genuine. While his statement was not evidence, it did show that the Graduate has taken ownership and responsibility for his actions. This factor weighs in favour of the Graduate.
28. **Likelihood of Repetition of the Offence:** The likelihood of repetition of the offence by the Graduate is low because he is no longer a student, because there is no evidence that the Graduate will be applying to other programs in the future, and because he had no prior academic offences while attending the University. There is therefore no pattern of conduct that requires specific deterrence. The University suggested that this was a neutral factor. We tend to disagree. The fact that there is no history of misconduct leads us to conclude that there is little likelihood of repetition of the offence and weighs in favour of the Graduate.
29. **Nature of the Offence, General Deterrence, and Detriment Occasioned to University:** As the Judicial Board stated in *C.C.T.*:
- A forged transcript is a very serious offence. Where there are forged transcripts in circulation being submitted to other academic institutions and employers, the detriment occasioned to the University is very high. The University and its students expect and need others to be able to rely on the authenticity of transcripts and other University records. Forged records undermine the credibility and standing of the University and of the Graduate's peers. The need for general deterrence is also very high because of the impact of such offences on the University. The seriousness of the offence is not lessened when an agency is the one who has forged the transcript on the Graduate's behalf.
30. This factor weighs against the Graduate.
31. **Extenuating or Mitigating Circumstances:** There is no evidence of extenuating or mitigating circumstances. The Graduate's counsel suggested that the fact that the

Graduate had not, himself, falsified the transcript should be seen as a mitigating factor. We disagree. This is therefore a neutral factor.

32. Taken as a whole, the factors suggest that the proposed penalty is reasonable, and balances the important need for general deterrence and the Graduate's remorse and cooperation with the proceeding.

C. Similar Cases

33. The five-year suspension of degree is also in line with similar cases presented by Counsel to the University. While the Board is not bound by any of these decisions, they are helpful in assisting the Judicial Board in treating like cases alike.
34. In particular, the Board was directed to a series of Judicial Board decisions in which a five-year suspension of degree was ordered against a Graduate in similar contexts. These included *The University of Toronto and L.Y.* (August 16, 2024) ("L.Y."); *C.C.T.*; the *University of Toronto and C.Y.* (August 14, 2023) ("C.Y."); *Y.L.*; and the *University of Toronto and T.C.H.* (October 29, 2019).
35. All of these cases involved Graduates using agencies to assist in preparing applications, and in which the Graduates were found to have participated recklessly in the circulation of forged University records.
36. On that basis, the Board found that the five-year suspension of degree was reasonable.
37. With respect to the notation on the transcript, the parties proposed a permanent notation. The cases listed above included a five-year notation, a seven-year notation, or a permanent notation. When questioned as to why the request here was for a permanent notation – the most severe end of the spectrum – counsel for the University pointed to the significant quantum paid to the agent and the guarantee given by the agent as being indicative of there being a high likelihood of misconduct by the agent.
38. As the Judicial Board stated in *L.Y.* (para 43):

Judicial Boards have repeatedly confirmed that where a former student has been found guilty under s. 48(c) of the 1947 Act of an offence relating to a falsified transcript, the normal penalty is recall and cancellation of the former student's degree (as in *University of Toronto v. C.Y.*, *supra*; *University of Toronto v. Mr. H*, *supra*), unless there is an agreed statement of facts or joint submission on penalty (e.g., (*University of Toronto v. Y.L.*, *supra* (five year suspension), the Provost seeks a lesser penalty (e.g., *University of Toronto v. A.K.G.*, *supra* (five year suspension)), or at least the former student attends (or is represented at) the hearing (as in the *University of Toronto v. T.C.H.*, *supra* (five year suspension)). This was recently confirmed in *University of Toronto v. C.C.T.* (April 23, 2024) at paras. 26-29.

39. The situation here is similar. The normal penalty for this serious offence would be a recall and cancellation, but the Graduate's character and low likelihood he will re-offend act as mitigating factors reducing the penalty to a suspension and permanent notation.
40. The Board is of the view that the permanent notation proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances, and will not deviate from the JSP given the high threshold to do so.

V. Decision of the Board

41. The penalty proposed by both parties is reasonable in light of the relevant factors, and is in line with penalties ordered in similar circumstances. The Board was therefore of the view that accepting the joint submission on penalty would not bring the administration of justice into disrepute.
42. At the conclusion of the hearing on penalty, the Board conferred and made the following order:
 1. The Graduate is guilty of conduct unbecoming a graduate of the University in respect of an application for admission to graduate school;
 2. The Bachelor of Science degree conferred by the University of Toronto on the Graduate be suspended for five years from the date of this order;

3. The Graduate be required and directed to surrender the degree certificate evidencing the Bachelor of Science degree conferred on him by the University of Toronto for the period of the suspension; and
4. The fact that the University of Toronto has suspended for five years the Bachelor of Science degree it conferred on the Graduate be recorded permanently on his academic record and transcript.
5. The parties agree that this case may be reported to the Provost for publication of a notice of the Judicial Board's decision and the sanction imposed, with the Graduate's name withheld.

DATED at Toronto, this 15th day of December 2025

Original signed by:

Sana Halwani, Senior Chair

On behalf of the Judicial Board

APPENDIX A

GOVERNING COUNCIL JUDICIAL BOARD THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

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AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. For the purposes of this hearing under the *University of Toronto Act, 1947* and the *University of Toronto Act, 1971*, the Provost of the University of Toronto and Y ■■■ G ■ (the “**Graduate**”) have prepared this Agreed Statement of Facts (“**ASF**”). The Provost and the Graduate agree that:

- (a) each document attached to this ASF may be admitted into evidence before the Tribunal for all purposes, including for the truth of the document’s contents, without further need to prove the document; and
- (b) if a document indicates that it was sent or received by someone, that is *prima facie* proof that the document was sent and received as indicated.

2. This hearing arises out of charges of academic misconduct filed by the Provost on October 31, 2024. A copy of these charges is attached to this ASF at **Tab A**.

3. The Graduate agrees that the charges are properly before the Judicial Board and raises no issues related to the form of the charges, the manner in which they were referred for a hearing by the Governing Council, or the jurisdiction of the Judicial Board to hear them.

4. The Graduate acknowledges that he received a copy of the charges in December 2024, waives the reading of the charges and pleads guilty to charges 1 to 3.

5. The Graduate acknowledges that he has reasonable notice of the hearing of the charges scheduled for November 14, 2025 at 9:45 AM. A copy of the notice of virtual hearing, dated August 13, 2025, is attached to this ASF at **Tab B**.

6. The Graduate first registered in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto in Fall 2016. He graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in June 2021. He graduated with a major in statistics and a cumulative GPA of 2.35. A true copy of the Graduate's Transcript of Consolidated Academic Record as of February 20, 2024 is attached to this ASF at **Tab C**.

A. *The Graduate's retention of the Agent*

7. In or around August 2020, the Graduate was referred to Hilighen (the "**Agent**") by a friend. The Agent is an organization based in China that held itself out as offering guaranteed admission into top universities in exchange for a fee.

8. In or around December 2020, the Graduate contacted the Agent to engage the Agent to apply for admission to post-undergraduate programs on the Graduate's behalf.

9. On or about July 2021, the Graduate paid approximately \$160,000 USD to the Agent as consideration for the Agent's promise to prepare application packages on the Graduate's behalf and to submit them to post-undergraduate programs at universities in Canada, the United States and United Kingdom (the "**Agreement**").

10. The Agent represented to the Graduate that it had good relationships with universities in these countries and, as part of the Agreement, guaranteed that the Graduate would be accepted into at least one post-undergraduate program.

11. On August 24, 2020, the Graduate submitted an online request for an official transcript from the University of Toronto through Parchment, which allows individuals to order and obtain transcripts from the University Registrar's Office.

12. That day, on August 24, 2020, the Graduate received an electronic copy of his official transcript through Parchment. The Graduate requested his official transcript from the University of Toronto for the purposes of applying to post-undergraduate programs and provided the official transcript he received from Parchment to the Agent for this purpose.

B. The Falsified Transcript

13. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Agent prepared an application package on the Graduate's behalf for admission to John Hopkins University ("**JHU**"), among other universities.

14. On or about September 9, 2021, the Agent submitted this application package to JHU on the Graduate's behalf online. The Graduate admits that he did not review the application package before it was sent to JHU on his behalf.

15. The Graduate accepts and agrees that he is responsible for the circulation of the application package, including the Falsified Transcript, described below, to JHU on his behalf.

16. The application package submitted to JHU contained a document purporting to be the Graduate's transcript from the University of Toronto, dated August 24, 2020 (the "**Falsified Transcript**"). The Agent also sent a copy of the Falsified Transcript to JHU via mail.

17. A copy of the Falsified Transcript is attached to this ASF at **Tab D**.

18. The Falsified Transcript was not a true copy of the official transcript the Graduate had received on August 24, 2020, and did not accurately reflect the Graduate's academic record at the University. The Falsified Transcript was forged, altered and falsified including by:

- (a) changing the courses taken by the Graduate during the Fall 2020 term;
- (b) changing the Graduate's address; and
- (c) inflating the grades of the Graduate, such that the Graduate's CGPA was increased from 2.35 to 3.82.

19. A table showing a comparison of the Falsified Transcript and the Graduate's official transcript is attached as **Tab E**.

20. The Falsified Transcript contained the following accurate identifying information concerning the Graduate:

- (a) **Name:** the Purported Transcript states that it is the academic record of "Y■■■■ G■■■";
- (b) **Birth day/month:** the birth day/month on the Purported Transcript is the same as the Graduate's birth day/month: February 22;
- (c) **Student number:** the Purported Transcript contains the accurate student number for the Graduate: ■■■■■■■■■■;
- (d) **Ontario Education Number¹ ("OEN"):** the Purported Transcript contains the accurate OEN for the Graduate: ■■■■■■■■■■;
- (e) **Transfer credits:** the Purported Transcript accurately reflects that the Graduate received 0.50 transfer credits from Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2017; and
- (f) **Courses:** with the exception of the Fall 2020 term, the Purported Transcript and the Official Transcript reflect the same courses taken by the Graduate during the same academic terms.

¹ An OEN is a unique number assigned to university students in Ontario by the Government of Ontario.



per Ryan Shah, on his own behalf and as authorized agent of Darryl Singer, counsel to Y■■ G■■ on this 14th day of November, 2025

21. The Graduate was not accepted to JHU or any other post-undergraduate programs.

C. JHU requests authentication of the Falsified Transcript



22. On February 15, 2024, John Leahy, Senior Fraud Investigator at JHU, sent an email to the Chief Administrative Officer of the University of Toronto Mississauga, which stated as follows:

I am writing to request assistance in contacting your registrar's office. We have received the attached transcripts from a student application at JHU. We believe the transcripts are fraudulent and would like your registrar to review them.

Could you please forward my email to the Registrar's office or provide their email address to me.

23. A copy of this email is attached to this ASF at **Tab F**.

24. This email attached a copy of the Falsified Transcript, as well as a copy of the first page of the Falsified Transcript in black and white. These attachments are attached to this ASF as **Tab G**.

25. On or about February 20, 2024, Rachelle Allen, Service Coordinator, Transcripts in the University Registrar's Office, emailed Mr. Leahy to advise that the Falsified Transcript was not an accurate or authentic representation of the Graduate's academic record at the University. The University no longer possesses this original email, but the text of this email is recorded in the Registrar's Office's incident recording system. A copy of this record is attached to this ASF as **Tab H**.

D. Admissions

26. The Graduate admits that:

- (a) the Agent's guarantee of admission to a post-undergraduate university program in Canada, the United States or the United Kingdom;
- (b) the substantial fee of approximately \$160,000 USD charged by the Agent;
and
- (c) the Graduate's actual cumulative GPA of 2.35 from the University of Toronto,

should have, together, caused the Graduate to suspect that the Agent would misrepresent the Graduate's academic record in connection with the applications submitted by the Agent to universities on the Graduate's behalf.

27. The Graduate admits that he recklessly created the circumstances for the circulation of the Falsified Transcript by:

- (a) paying a fee of approximately \$160,000 USD to the Agent to apply for admission to universities on the Graduate's behalf, including JHU;
- (b) failing to investigate the Agent and the services it offered; and
- (c) failing to supervise the Agent or review the materials that the Agent sent to JHU on his behalf to ensure its accuracy and authenticity.

28. The Graduate admits that the circulation of the Falsified Transcript occurred as a result of his failure to supervise the Agent.

29. Accordingly, the Graduate admits that he is responsible for the circulation of the Falsified Transcript to JHU by the Agent.

30. The Graduate admits that his conduct was infamous, disgraceful, and conduct unbecoming a graduate, contrary to s. 48(c) of the *University of Toronto Act, 1947*.

31. The Graduate acknowledges that he is signing this ASF freely and voluntarily, knowing of the potential consequences he faces, and does so having had the opportunity to seek the advice of counsel.

32. The parties agree that this agreement may be signed electronically and in counterparts.

Date: 11/09/2025

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Date: November 10, 2025



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JOINT SUBMISSION ON PENALTY

1. This hearing arises out of charges of academic dishonesty filed by the Provost of the University of Toronto under the *University of Toronto Act, 1947* and the *University of Toronto Act, 1971* against Y■■■■G■ (the “Graduate”) on October 31, 2024.

2. For the sanction portion of the hearing, the Provost and the Graduate adopt this joint submission on penalty (“JSP”).

A. Joint Submission on Penalty

3. The Provost and the Graduate submit that, in all the circumstances of the case, the Judicial Board should impose the following sanctions on the Graduate:

- (a) The Bachelor of Science degree conferred by the University of Toronto on the Graduate be suspended for five years from the date of the Order;

- (b) The Graduate be ordered and directed to surrender to the University of Toronto the degree certificate evidencing the Bachelor of Science degree conferred on him by the University of Toronto for the period of the suspension; and
 - (c) The fact that the University of Toronto has suspended for five years the Bachelor of Science degree it conferred on the Graduate be permanently recorded on the Graduate's academic record and transcript.
4. The parties agree that this case shall be reported to the Provost for publication of a notice of the Judicial Board's decision and the sanction imposed, with the Graduate's name withheld.

B. Acknowledgments

5. The Graduate acknowledges that the Provost has advised the Graduate of their right to obtain legal advice, and the Graduate has obtained that advice or waived their right to obtain that advice.
6. The Graduate acknowledges that the Judicial Board may depart from the JSP and may impose and/or recommend sanctions as set out in the Code, including one that is more severe than the JSP recommends.
7. The Graduate acknowledges that they are signing this JSP freely and voluntarily, knowing of the potential consequences they face.

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Date: November 10, 2025

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