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University Tribunal

October 31st, 1991

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. P.

Mississauga, Ontario

Dear Mr. P.

At its hearing on Wednesday, October 30th, 1991 the University Tribunal considered the following charge against you:

That on or about November 1, 1991, you forged an academic record and that you made use of or attempted to make use of such forged record in order to obtain credit for two late laboratory reports in BIO 204F (Introductory Physiology) contrary to Section E.1.(c) and F.2 of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters.

In particular, you forged a medical note from your eye physician in order to receive special consideration in your term work in BIO 204F. The definition of academic record includes medical information relevant to a student's academic performance which has been furnished at the request or with the consent of the student concerned.

Based on the evidence provided, the jury accepted your plea of guilty and imposed the following sanctions:

- a grade of zero in the course BIO 204F;
- suspension from the University for one year, effective at the end of the 1991-92 Winter Session;
- that the suspension and the reason for it be recorded on your academic transcript for the period of the suspension; and
- that the decision and sanctions imposed be reported to the Vice-President and Provost for publication in the University newspapers.

The jury gave the following reasons for their decision: "The jury was unanimous in its decision. While giving due weight to the age of the student, the real medical problems facing him, and his co-operation with the investigation of the offence, the jury simply could not accept the lack of effort on the part of the student to seek a legitimate medical certificate and the ready decision to adopt a course of action which we regard as a very serious offence. The involvement of a third party, his doctor, and the forgery of a medical certificate must be declared to be unacceptable by the University. The jury considered the defense counsel's recommendation that a suspension, if imposed, commence at a date at the student's discretion: In our view, the interests of the student and the University are best served if the suspension commence at the end of the current academic year. That is our decision."

Information concerning rights of appeal may be found in Section L of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. The deadline for filing an appeal by you or by the University is November 22nd, 1991.

Yours truly,

Dominique Petersen
Secretary
University Tribunal

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