

2011/2012 Student Discipline Summaries

September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012

Under section 61 of the *University Act*, the President of the University has authority to impose discipline on students for academic and non-academic offences (see the 2011/2012 University Calendar). A summary of such disciplinary cases for UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan is posted, without disclosing the names of the students involved.

In the period September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012, 42 students appeared before the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline (PACSD) and 41 were subsequently disciplined. For each case, the events leading to the imposition of the discipline and the discipline imposed are summarized below. Discipline may vary depending upon the circumstances of a particular case.

UBC Vancouver

1. A student committed academic misconduct by failing to disclose his/her previous attendance at UBC and another post-secondary institution on his/her application for admission to UBC and therefore providing incomplete or untrue information to the University.

Discipline: Admission to the applied program be revoked and a suspension from the University for 18 months*.

2. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by copying answers on a deferred final examination from that of a student sitting nearby.

Outcome: No disciplinary action warranted due to insufficient evidence.

3. A student committed non-academic misconduct by harassing a faculty member through email and telephone communications in spite of being told to cease contact by Campus Security.

Discipline: Instructed to cease contact with the faculty member in any form or manner and at any personal or professional level. Required to seek professional service from a licensed medical practitioner regarding his/her behavioural health.

The student committed non-academic misconduct by attending a public lecture presented by the same faculty member, in violation of the terms of the President's letter.

Discipline: A registration block placed on his/her transcript to prevent future registration until a medical report regarding his/her behavioural health assessment is submitted.

The student committed non-academic misconduct by (i) confronting the family of the same faculty member in a public place in a verbally aggressive and threatening manner; and (ii) contacting the faculty member repeatedly through phone calls and voicemails, in violation of the terms of the President's letter.

Discipline: A permanent registration block and a permanent (non-removable) notation of non-academic misconduct entered on his/her transcript, and the restrictions imposed by the Vice-President, Students, on his/her ability to enter upon or to carry out activities upon University Premises, or use University facilities, be upheld.

4. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a near-final version of his/her Master's thesis which contained numerous components that were plagiarized from the published works of others.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*. (The student has voluntarily withdrawn from his/her Master's program)

5. A student committed academic misconduct by altering an answer on his/her graded examination and then submitting the examination paper for re-grading.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the exam and a letter of reprimand.

6. A student committed academic misconduct by copying several answers from the examination paper of another student who sat next to him/her.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

7. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a forged medical note in support of his/her missing work in a course.

Discipline: A mark of zero for in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

8. A student committed academic misconduct by removing his/her final examination paper from the examination room in violation of the University's exam policy.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand. Permitted to write a supplementary examination in an equivalent course; final course grade evaluated according to the original marking scheme of the course.

9. A student committed academic misconduct by having unauthorized material and making use of it during the examination period.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course. A suspension from the University for 8 months*.

10. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a report for a term project in a course that was plagiarized from online sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

11. A student committed academic misconduct by copying the answer from a student sitting next to him/her.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

12. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two essay assignments that were plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

13. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting several lab reports that contained substantial text copied from those of his/her lab partner, in violation of the course rules which required independently written reports.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

14. A student committed academic misconduct by making available several of his/her lab reports to his/her lab partner, in violation of the course rules which required independently written reports.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

15. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing unauthorized material during the examination period.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

16. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting presentations for his/her final project that were plagiarized from Internet sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in both courses and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

17. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing his/her briefing note and his/her section of a group project from Internet sources and submitted them as his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

18. A student allegedly committed academic misconduct by using unauthorized materials on a supplementary examination in a course.

Outcome: No disciplinary action warranted due to insufficient evidence.

19. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting his/her final paper in a course that was plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

20. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an assignment that contained substantial material copied from another student.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the assignment and a letter of reprimand*.

21. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final paper that contained incorrect citation and material plagiarized from a website.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

22. A student committed academic misconduct by falsifying the date on a medical note and submitting it for a deferred midterm examination.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the midterm examination and a letter of reprimand.

23. A student committed academic misconduct by plagiarizing a final paper in a course that was jointly submitted by him/her and his/her project partner.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 4 months*.

24. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a final paper in a course as a joint author without contributing his/her own work.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final paper*.

25. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting two assignments in a course that were plagiarized from the assignments submitted by another student in the same course in the previous term.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

26. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with another student during a final examination.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

The student committed academic misconduct by submitting his/her portion of the group research report for a course that was plagiarized from published sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

27. A student committed academic misconduct by communicating with another student during a final examination.

Discipline: A letter of reprimand.

28. A student committed academic misconduct by modifying his/her graded final examination in an attempt to improve his/her course grade.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the final examination and a suspension from the University for 8 months*.

29. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting substantially the same final research paper in two courses without obtaining prior approval from the course instructors.

Discipline: A mark of zero for each of the two final research papers.

30. A student committed academic misconduct by gaining admission to UBC by using a forged transcript, and by failing to notify the University that the documentation he/she submitted for admission was not correct.

Discipline: Required to withdraw from the University*.

31. A student committed academic misconduct by accessing unauthorized material via WebCT repeatedly during a programming test, in violation of the in-lab policies in the course.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

32. A student committed academic misconduct by lying about his/her attendance at a midterm examination to the course instructor.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course*.

UBC Okanagan

33. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.1 – Misconduct Against Persons, and 4.2.11 – Alcohol or Drug Use.

Discipline: Required to attend the University Counseling Centre and make arrangements to undergo an assessment of his/her drinking behavior and general well-being; required to complete the Basics Alcohol Program; that he/she is not to consume alcohol on UBC Campus for a designated time period; that he/she is not to have contact directly or indirectly with victim; that he/she is not to be on UBC Residence property as provided for in his/her Notice to Vacate letter from Housing Office.

34. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.9 - Refusal to Comply with Disciplinary Measures or the Term of Agreement made under Section 6.

Discipline: Required to pay a fine; required to perform 20 hours of community service at the discretion of the Associate Vice President Students; continued to be banned from all Residence Properties until the end of the academic year.

35. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.1 – Misconduct Against Persons, and 4.2.10 – Unauthorized Possession or Use of Dangerous Objects.

Discipline: Expelled from the University and a permanent record of the disciplinary action be entered on his/her transcript.

36. A student committed academic misconduct by writing an examination for a fellow student.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 6 months*.

The student allegedly committed academic misconduct by submitting a written assignment taken from an online source.

Outcome: A letter of advice.

37. A student committed academic misconduct by having a fellow student write an examination for him/her.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course; a suspension from the University for 24 months*; required to retake the English Language for Academic Studies test at the time of application to re-enter the University.

38. A student committed non-academic misconduct by violating the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy 4.2.1 – Misconduct Against Persons.

Discipline: Instructed to have no further contact in any manner with the complainant and witness; instructed to continue with medical and counseling interventions until no longer required; placed on probationary status.

39. A student committed academic misconduct on two separate occasions by submitting the same answers as another student in two courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the assignment in one course; a mark of zero in the other course; required to enroll in a course in English for Academic Purposes to demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English language*.

40. A student committed academic misconduct on two separate occasions by submitting the same answers as another student in two courses.

Discipline: A mark of zero for the assignment in one course; a mark of zero in the other course*.

41. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting an essay paper in a course where portions of the essay were taken from uncited sources.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

42. A student committed academic misconduct by submitting a written assignment partially taken from an online source.

Discipline: A mark of zero in the course and a suspension from the University for 12 months*.

* In all cases indicated by an asterisk, a notation of disciplinary action is entered on the student's transcript. At any time after two years have elapsed from the date of his or her graduation the student may apply to the President to exercise his discretion to remove the notation.

Students under disciplinary suspension from UBC may not take courses at other institutions for transfer of credit back to UBC.