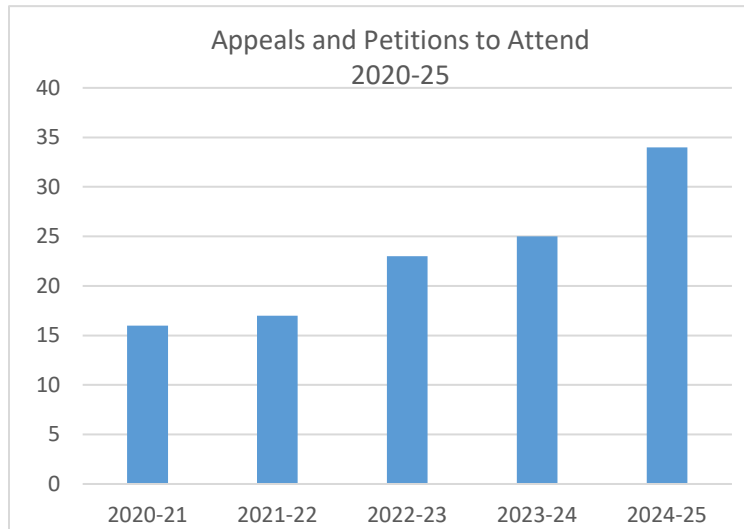


UNIVERSITY OF REGINA
EXECUTIVE OF COUNCIL

Item for Information

Subject: Annual Report from the Council Discipline Committee

Background and Description:



Per the section titled “Student Code of Conduct and Right to Appeal” in the *Undergraduate Calendar*, the Council Discipline Committee (CDC) hears appeals of decisions concerning academic and non-academic misconduct. CDC has the authority to uphold the original finding, overturn it, and/or adjust the penalty (increase or decrease).

During the 2024-2025 academic year (to June 30, 2025), the CDC will have considered thirty-two (32) appeals and

two (2) petitions to attend the University of Regina. There are thirty-one (31) appeals pending, to be heard in the Spring/Summer and Fall 2025 terms. In comparison in 2024 there were twenty-four (24) outstanding appeals.

In addition to the increase in both academic misconduct investigations and related appeals due to growth in the student body, two additional factors seem to have influenced the increase in appeal hearings compared to prior years:

- (1) We continue to see an increased number of 2nd and subsequent misconduct findings, which carry more significant academic penalties, in accordance with the University’s principle of progressive discipline. Students are more likely to appeal decisions with significant consequences, sometimes as a “last resort” to continue their studies without interruption; and
- (2) It has taken some time for students, instructors and investigating deans to consider the impact of the widespread use of generative AI tools on academic integrity expectations, and identification of and investigation of potential academic misconduct. With increased understanding of the power and potential use of these tools in an academic context, as well as instructors both expressing their expectations to students more clearly and adjusting assessment methods in response, we are expecting fewer misconduct findings, fewer appeals, and also fewer complex deliberations by the CDC that may lead to amended or overturned misconduct decisions.

Circumstance of the Appeal	Faculty Action	CDC Decision
Cheating on e-proctored midterm examination 2nd Finding	Grade of 0 in the course	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct but voted to ameliorate the penalty. The CDC amended the penalty to a grade of 0 on the midterm exam.
Cheating on e-proctored midterm examination	Grade of 0 on the midterm examination	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Falsifying lab results for a term project or thesis 2nd Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty. <i>The Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) upheld the finding of academic misconduct but voted to ameliorate the penalty. The SAC amended the penalty to a grade of XF in the course and a one-year (three-term) suspension from the University.</i>
Cheating on an assignment 5th Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty.
Plagiarism on an assignment 3rd Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty.
Cheating on a final examination 4th Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty.
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI	A 30% grade reduction on the assignment	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct but voted to increase the penalty. The CDC amended the penalty to a grade reduction of 50% on the assignment.
Attempting to obtain an academic advantage by non-academic means such as bribes or threats	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty. <i>The SAC upheld the decision of the CDC.</i>
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI	Grade of 0 on the assignment	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct but voted to ameliorate the penalty. The CDC amended the penalty to a grade of 40% on the assignment.
Cheating on an e-proctored final examination	Grade of 0 on the final examination	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Cheating on final examination	Grade of 0 on the final examination	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI 2nd Finding	Grade of 0 in the course	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct but voted to ameliorate the penalty. The CDC amended the penalty to a

		grade of 0 on the assignment, plus an overall course grade reduction of 10%
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI	Grade reduction of 50% on the assignment	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the related penalty. <i>The SAC granted the student's appeal and overturned the academic misconduct finding and related penalty.</i>
Commissioning or allowing another person to write an examination on one's behalf	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the related penalty. <i>Pending appeal to the SAC.</i>
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Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI 4th Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and related penalty.
Cheating on an e-proctored midterm examination 3rd Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct but voted to ameliorate the penalty. The CDC amended the penalty to a grade of XF in the course.
Cheating on a final examination with the use of GenAI	Grade of 0 on the final examination	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI	Grade of 0 on the assignment	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty. <i>Pending appeal to the SAC.</i>
Submitting the same work for credit in more than one course 3rd Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty. <i>Pending appeal to the SAC.</i>
Cheating on midterm examination	Grade of 0 on midterm examination	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Cheating on final examination	Grade of 0 on final examination	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Cheating on final examination with the use of GenAI 4th Finding	Grade of XF in the course	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty. <i>Pending appeal to the SAC.</i>
Cheating on assignment with the use of GenAI 2nd Finding	Grade of 0 in the course	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and penalty assigned by the Faculty.
Cheating on assignment with the use of GenAI 4th Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and penalty assigned by the Faculty.

Cheating on final examination with the use of GenAI 3rd Finding	Grade of XF in the course and a one-year (3 term) suspension from the University	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Use of an electronic device during the midterm examination 2nd Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct but voted to ameliorate the penalty. The CDC amended the penalty to a grade of XF in the course.
Cheating on assignment with the use of GenAI	Grade of 0 on assignment	The CDC granted the students appeal and overturned the finding of academic misconduct.
Cheating on assignment with the use of GenAI	Grade of 0 on assignment	The CDC upheld the finding of academic misconduct and the penalty assigned by the Faculty.
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI	Grade of F in a non-credit course	<i>Appeal scheduled</i>
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI 7th Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	<i>Appeal scheduled</i>
Cheating on an assignment with the use of GenAI 4th Finding	Grade of XF in the course and expulsion from the University	<i>Appeal scheduled</i>

Petition to Return	CDC Outcome
Petitioned for re-admission to attend the University of Regina	Petition granted
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