

2021 Report to Senate

Senate Academic Standards and Misconduct Committee

2020-2021 Membership: Paul Lawrie (Chair), Jeffrey Newmark, Laura Anne Warszycki, Heather Milne, Anne-Laurence Caudano, Pauline Pearson, Esmat Elhami, Colin Russell (Registrar), Cheta Akaluka (UWSA).

In 2020-2021 (May1/20-April 30/2) SASMC reviewed 174 cases

The following decisions were made:

- 19 cases - had one prior case of misconduct on file
- 18 cases – exonerated
- 14 cases – F in course
- 132 cases – 0 on assignment or final exam
- 9 cases – other (i.e., rewrite, resubmit assignment, alternate assignment)
- 1 case – pending

Due to the pandemic this year saw an unprecedented rise in the number and nature of academic misconduct cases. This year's total of 174 cases was a dramatic increase from previous years; 25 cases in 2017-18, 71 in 2018-2019, and 68 in 2019-20. Moreover, much like previous years the committee saw a disproportionate number of international students amongst the cases. Presently the committee does not detail student demographics but would advise doing so in future to better understand the systemic inequity evinced in these statistics.

Respectfully submitted by: Paul Lawrie
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