

Academic Ombud Services Statistical Report
Kaveh Tagavi 2019/20

All Matters

	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	
Number of Cases	248	377	393	455	481	
Number of Questions or Referrals	2454	2239	2594	2324	1666	
	2702	2616	2987	2779	2147	Total

Types of Cases	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	
Non-Academic Offense Issues	248	204	253	320	389	
Academic Offense Determinations	106	173	140	135	92	
	354	377	393	455	481	Total

Description of Cases (not including Academic Offenses)		Classification of Source	
Attendance	8	Student	143
Exam/Class Requirements	18	Faculty	74
Grades	53	Staff	23
Instruction	18	Parent	4
Personal Problems	12	Other	4
Policies: Academic Offense Issues	24		248 Total
Policies: General	69		
Progress/Promotion	36		
Retroactive Withdrawals	2		
Speaker Requests	8		
	248	Total	

Description of Questions & Referrals		Classification of Source	
Attendance	71	Student	1181
Exam/Class Requirements	82	Faculty	770
Grades	486	Staff	370
Instruction	143	Parent	68
Personal Problems	314	Other	65
Policies: Academic Offense Issues	332		2454 Total
Policies: General	746		
Progress/Promotion	270		
Retroactive Withdrawals	10		
	2454	Total	

Determinations and Appeals of Academic Offenses

Academic Offense Determinations	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	
Cheating	50	58	54	54	28	
Plagiarism	56	115	86	81	64	
	106	173	140	135	92	Total
Contact with the Ombud						
No Contact	91	134	107	115	78	
Contacted, but did not appeal	9	15	21	10	9	
Contacted, case forwarded to UAB	6	24	12	10	5	
	106	173	140	135	92	Total
Classification of the Student	First/Minor	First/Major	Second	Third	Total	
Freshman	14	1			15	
Sophomore	18	1			19	
Junior	25	1	1		27	
Senior	29	6	3		38	
Graduate Student	1	1			2	
Non-Degree	1	4			5	
	88	14	4		106	Total
Origin of Offense Determination						
Agriculture, Food and Environment			5			
Arts & Sciences			45			
Business & Economics			6			
Communication & Information			2			
Dentistry			0			
Design			1			
Education			2			
Engineering			31			
Fine Arts			0			
Health Sciences			6			
Law			0			
Martin School of Public Policy			0			
Medicine			0			
Nursing			4			
Patterson School of Diplomacy			0			
Pharmacy			0			
Public Health			3			
Social Work			1			
			106			Total

Summary of Cases Referred by the Ombud to the University Appeals Board

Total Number of Appeals	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	
Academic Offense Appeals	6	24	12	5	5	
Student Academic Rights	6	13	18	11	20	
Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals	0	0	0	0	1	
Other Appeals (Suspension or Dismissal)	1	0	2	1	1	
	13	37	32	17	27	Total

Total Number of Appeals	
Academic Offense Appeals	6 (4 Upheld / 2 Denied)
Student Academic Rights	6 (1 Upheld / 2 Denied / 3 Uncontested)
Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals	0
Other Appeals (Suspension & Dismissal)	1 (1 Uncontested)
	13 Total

Academic Offense Appeals Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Withdrawn	Upheld	Denied	Total
Plagiarism: Appealed severity of sanction				0
Plagiarism: Appealed determination		2		2
Plagiarism: Appealed severity and determination			1	1
Cheating: Appealed severity of sanction				0
Cheating: Appealed determination		1	1	2
Cheating: Appealed severity and determination		1		1
				6 Total

**not yet heard **partially upheld*

Allegation of Violation of Student Academic Rights Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Uncontested	Upheld	Denied	Total
Appeals referred and determined to have merit	n/a	1		1
Appeals referred and determined to lack merit	3		2	5
				6 Total

Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Upheld	Denied	Total
Appeal referred and determined to have merit	0	0	0
			0 Total

Appeal of Dismissal/Suspension Referred to the University Appeals Board

	Uncontested	Upheld	Denied	Total
Appeal referred and determined to lack merit	1	0	0	1
				1 Total