

Academic Ombud's Report to the Senate

October 8, 2012

Thank you Professor Blonder, Senators and guests.

It is my pleasure to present the Academic Ombud Report for the 2011—2012 Academic Year. I would like to first thank Michelle Sohner for the concise statistical report, which will be included in the senate minutes for your future reference. This report represents the last one completed by Michelle, as she is retiring March 1, 2013. I would like to publically thank Michelle for the invaluable support and assistance she provided to me, as well as to the Academic Ombud Services Office for nearly 21 years.

The number of complaints handled by the Academic Ombud Services Office during the 2011-2012 Academic Year was 352, which is fewer than the past two years (367 and 377, respectively). The number of cases involving academic offenses increased (177 compared with 139 and 105 the two previous years). Twenty-eight of those 177 charged with an academic offense contacted the Ombud but did not appeal, and 11 students appealed the academic offense charge, which were in the areas of plagiarism (6) and cheating (5). Five of the eleven appeals were denied, and six appeals were upheld. Two offenses represented a second offense and one third offense was seen.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Academic Ombud Services Office if Michelle or I can assist you in any way.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Academic Ombud.

Senja Feist-Price

**ACADEMIC OMBUD
STATISTICAL REPORT**

Sonja Feist-Price 2011/2012

I. Number of Cases Handled (Excluding Academic Offenses).....352

DESCRIPTION OF CASES

Attendance	52
Exams/Class Requirements	48
Grades	114
Instruction	43
Personal Problems	4
Progress/Promotion	57
University Policy	34
Total	352

CLASSIFICATION OF THE STUDENT

First Year	57
Sophomore	64
Junior	54
Senior	108
Graduate	53
Professional Colleges	6
Non-degree	3
Non-applicable	7
Total	352

II. Total Number of Academic Offense Cases 177

No Contact with Ombud	138
Contacted Ombud; No Appeal	28
Contacted Ombud; Sent to Appeals Board (Plagiarism and Cheating Cases)	11

CLASSIFICATION OF THE STUDENT

First Year	89
Sophomore	34
Junior	20
Senior	19
Graduate	12
Professional Colleges	3
Non-degree	0
Non-applicable	0
Total	177

**III. Total Number of Cases Sent to the Appeals Board 28
(Academic Offense Appeals and Grade Appeals)**

Academic Offense Appeals 11

<u>Plagiarism Appeals</u>	<u>6</u>
Upheld	3
Denied	3

<u>Cheating Appeals</u>	<u>5</u>
Upheld	3
Denied	2

<u>Grade Appeals</u>	<u>17</u>
Upheld	14
Denied	3

IV. Number of Mediations 24

Instructor and Student	17
Instructor, Chair/Director and Student	4
Instructor, DUS and Student	1
Instructor, Associate Dean and Student	1
Administrative Staff and Student	1

V. Three-Year Comparisons

Cases	2011/2012	2010/2011	2009/10
Non-Academic Offense	352	367	377
Academic Offense Cases	177	139	105
Appeals Board Appeals	28	16	34
Grade Appeals	17	5	27
Cheating Appeals	5	4	0
Plagiarism Appeals	6	5	4
Progress in Program	2	2	3

COLLEGE WHERE CASES ORIGINATED

<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u># OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>NON-OFFENSES</u>
Agriculture	2,915	3	7
Arts & Sciences	5,925	127	204
Business & Economics	2,685	10	32
Communications	1,274	4	10
Dentistry	276	0	0
Design	392	0	10
Education	2,624	4	10
Engineering	2,840	17	22
Fine Arts	812	1	21
Graduate School	474	0	3
Health Sciences	691	0	0
Law	414	0	0
Medicine	1,355	0	2
Nursing	1,195	6	7
Pharmacy	622	2	6
Public Health	278	0	0
Social Work	545	3	10
Non-Applicable		0	8
TOTAL		177	352