

## Academic Ombud's Report to the Senate

August 14, 2013

Thank you Professor Blonder, Senators and guests.

It is my pleasure to present the Academic Ombud Report for the 2012—2013 Academic Year. I would like to first thank Laura Anshel for the concise statistical report, which will be included in the senate minutes for your future reference.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Academic Ombud Services Office handled 537 issues including non-academic offense issues, academic offense issues, and appeals sent to the University Appeals Board (2011/12 (N=529); 2010/11 (N=506); 2009/10 (N=482); 2008/09 (N=422)). The number of cases involving academic offenses increased this year to 191 (compared with 177, 139, and 105 for the three previous years). Nine of the academic offenses were 2<sup>nd</sup> offenses and one was a 3<sup>rd</sup> offense leaving 181 first offenses. Of the total number of academic offense cases (191), 155 students (81%) had no contact with the Ombud, 20 students contacted the Ombud but decided not to appeal, and 16 (less than 10%) of the students charged with an academic offense appealed their academic offense charge. One case involved cheating and the other fifteen were for charges of plagiarism. The academic appeal for cheating was denied. Of the 15 students who appealed charges of plagiarism, 11 appealed the offense charge (2 upheld; 9 denied), and four students appealed the severity of the offense (3 upheld; 1 denied).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Academic Ombud Services Office if Laura 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 2012/13**

**Total Number of Cases . . . . . 537**  
**Questions or Referrals (single contacts) . . . . . ~ 816**

**I. Non-Academic Offense Cases:**

DESCRIPTION OF CASES

Attendance . . . . .	58
Exams/Class Requirements . . . . .	57
Grades . . . . .	85
Instruction. . . . .	50
Personal Problems . . . . .	5
Progress/Promotion . . . . .	43
Retroactive Withdrawal . . . . .	7
University Policy . . . . .	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>

CLASSIFICATION OF SOURCE

Freshman	46
Sophomore	71
Junior	46
Senior	56
Graduate	46
Professional College	12
Faculty	57
Staff	10
Other	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>

II. Academic Offense Cases:

No Contact with Ombud . . . . .	155
Contacted Ombud; No Appeal . . . . .	20
<i>(Cheating 3; Plagiarism 17)</i>	
Contacted Ombud; Sent to the UAB . . . . .	16
<i>(Cheating 1; Plagiarism 15)</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

CLASSIFICATION OF THE STUDENT

Freshman . . . . .	71
Sophomore . . . . .	46
Junior . . . . .	25
Senior . . . . .	34
Graduate . . . . .	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

COLLEGE WHERE OFFENSE ORIGINATED

College of Agriculture, Food & Environment . . .	2
College of Arts & Sciences . . . . .	136
Gatton College of Business & Economics . . . . .	10
College of Communication & Information . . . . .	13
College of Dentistry	
College of Design	
College of Education . . . . .	5
College of Engineering . . . . .	1
College of Fine Arts . . . . .	2
College of Health Sciences . . . . .	1
Honors Program	
College of Law	
Martin School of Public Policy	
College of Medicine	
College of Nursing. . . . .	5
Patterson School of Diplomacy	
College of Pharmacy	
College of Public Health . . . . .	2
College of Social Work . . . . .	12
Undergraduate Studies . . . . .	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

### III. Cases Sent to the University Appeals Board:

#### TYPES OF APPEALS SENT TO THE BOARD

Academic Offense Appeals . . . . .	16
Grade Appeals . . . . .	17
Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals . . . . .	2
Progress in Program . . . . .	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>

#### Academic Offense Appeals

	Upheld	Denied	<b>Total</b>
Plagiarism: Appealed Severity	3	1	<b>4</b>
Plagiarism: Appealed Charge	2	9*	<b>11</b>
Cheating: Appealed Charge		1	<b>1</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

#### Grade Appeals

With Merit From Ombud:	Upheld	4
	Denied	2
No Merit From Ombud:	Upheld	3
	Overtured	2
	Uncontested	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

#### Other Appeals

Retroactive Withdrawal Appeal Upheld	1
Retroactive Withdrawal Appeal Denied	1
Progress in Program Appeal Withdrawn	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

\*UAB reduced the penalty from an XE to an E in one case that was denied.

Origination Point of Cases					
College/Department	Enrollment	Non-Offense Issue	Percentage	Academic Offense	Percentage
Agriculture	3060	29	1%	2	0%
Arts & Sciences	5752	147	3%	136	2%
Business & Economics	2746	32	1%	10	0%
Communication & Information	1453	23	2%	13	1%
Dentistry	266	2	1%		
Design	415	3	1%		
Education	2805	20	1%	5	0%
Engineering	3126	11	0%	1	0%
Fine Arts	793	14	2%	2	0%
Graduate School	420				
Health Sciences	818	7	1%	1	0%
International Center	n/a	1	n/a		
Law	404				
Medicine	1405	4	0%		
Nursing	1263	6	0%	5	0%
Pharmacy	631	10	2%		
Public Health	270	8	3%	2	1%
Social Work	543	6	1%	12	2%
Undergraduate Studies	2758	2	0%	2	0%
University Wide	28928	21	0%		
University of Kentucky	28928	346	1%	191	1%

Yearly Comparisons					
	2012/13	2011/12	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>422</b>
Non-Academic Offense Issues	346	352	367	377	316
Academic Offense Issues	191	177	139	105	106
Appeals sent to the UAB	36	28	16	34	8
Grade	17	17	5	27	unknown
Cheating	1	5	4	0	unknown
Plagiarism	15	6	5	4	unknown
Progress in Program	1	2	2	3	unknown
Retroactive Withdrawal	2	0	0	0	unknown