University Disciplinary Actions: 2007-08

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The Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University has been asked by the Council of the University Senate to report each year on matters pertaining to the University disciplinary legislation enacted by the council on May 23, 1970, and amended on June 8, 1976.

For another year, the All-University Disciplinary Committee did not meet during the 2007-08 academic year.

The Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students in the University also reports to the council on disciplinary matters that have occurred in the academic units during the year. In 2007-08, Area Disciplinary Committees were convened on fifteen occasions to consider allegations brought against twenty students.

In the College, eight disciplinary hearings were convened involving nine students. One undergraduate student requested a review of the disciplinary decision.

- A student was brought before a disciplinary committee for theft. The student was suspended for four quarters.
- Two students were brought before a disciplinary committee for theft of property
 and the selling of that same stolen property. Both students were placed on
 disciplinary probation for the remainder of their respective tenures in the College.
 Each was asked to share equally in the restitution of the stolen property.
 Committee recommended that area Dean of Students explore mental health
 treatment options for each student.
- A fourth student called before a disciplinary committee also was charged with theft. The committee imposed a six quarter suspension. This student requested a review. The review board upheld the disciplinary committee's sanction.
- Another student was accused of theft and received a sanction of a four quarter suspension.
- A fifth hearing involved a student accused of videotaping his roommate without
 his knowledge and sharing the videotape with others. The student was placed on
 disciplinary probation for the remainder of his tenure in the college. The student
 was also required to complete 80 hours of community service.
- A sixth hearing involved a student accused of plagiarism. The student was suspended for three quarters and given 60 hours of community service.
- Another student was accused of academic dishonesty. The student was suspended for four quarters.
- The ninth student to appear before a disciplinary committee was charged with plagiarism and given a four quarter suspension with two of the quarters suspended.

In the Graduate Divisions and Professional Schools, seven hearings were convened involving eleven students. One graduate student requested a review of the disciplinary decision.

The Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy convened one hearing.

• A student was accused of plagiarism. The committee recommended that the faculty lower her grade. The student was given an official warning.

The University of Chicago Booth School of Business held four disciplinary hearings.

- A hearing was convened in the Evening/Weekend program for a student charged with falsification of admissions information. The student was expelled. The student requested a review based on new information available. The review board recommended that disciplinary committee reconvene to review new material. Student was given a four quarter suspension.
- Another hearing was convened in the Evening/Weekend program for a student accused of plagiarism. The student was given a two quarter suspension.
- A third hearing in the Evening/Weekend program involved a student also accused of plagiarism. The student was suspended for three quarters.
- A hearing involving five students was convened in the full-time MBA program.
 Each was accused of violating standards of professionalism through academic dishonesty. Two students were placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of their tenure in the program and it was recommended that faculty adjust each of their respective grades for the course accordingly. No sanctions were levied against the remaining three students, due to insufficient evidence.

The Graham School of General Education held one disciplinary hearing.

• A student called before the disciplinary committee was charged with plagiarism. The student was given an official warning.

The Division of the Physical Sciences convened one disciplinary committee.

• The committee hearing involved a student accused of academic misconduct. The student was given an official warning.

Students sent before disciplinary committees, AY 1998– AY 2008

| Year | College/ | College/ | Graduate/ | Graduate/ | Total |
|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Academic | Other | Academic | Other | |
| 98-99 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 12 |
| 99-00 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 11 |
| 00-01 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 01-02 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 27 |
| 02-03 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 15 |
| 03-04 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 4 | 24 |
| 04-05 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 12 |
| 05-06 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 20 |
| 06-07 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| 07-08 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 20 |
| Average | 2.9 | 3.2 | 6.8 | 3.7 | 16.6 |