University Disciplinary Actions: 2008-09

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Campus and Student Life 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 2008-09 academic year.

Campus and Student Life also reports to the council on disciplinary matters that have occurred in the academic units during the year. In 2008-09, Area Disciplinary Committees were convened on thirteen occasions to consider allegations brought against twenty students, although one student was seen by two separate committees for two separate allegations.

In the College, four disciplinary hearings were convened involving six students. Three undergraduate students requested a review of the disciplinary decision.

- Two students were brought before a disciplinary committee for a physical altercation with one another. The committee imposed a four quarter suspension on one student and a two quarter suspension on the other student. The student suspended for four quarters requested a review on the grounds that procedures were not followed. The review committee concurred and the original disciplinary committee was reconvened. Based on new information that became available to the disciplinary committee, the sanction for the student who had asked for the review was sustained. The sanction for the other student, however, was reduced. The committee decided to suspend the second quarter of the suspension.
- Two students were brought before a disciplinary committee for theft of property and the selling of the stolen property. One student received a six quarter suspension and 36 hours of community service to be done over 12 weeks. The other student received a four quarter suspension and 36 hours of community service to be done over 12 weeks. The former student asked for a review based on the grounds that prescribed procedure was not followed. The review committee decided to sustain the sanction.
- A fifth student was called before a disciplinary committee charged with falsifying GPA on the transcript for an internship through Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS). The committee suspended the student for two quarters.
- A sixth student was called before a disciplinary committee accused of interfering with an official university investigation. The result of the hearing was a two quarter suspension, forfeiture of a Metcalf internship, and the restitution of medical bills incurred by the student for whom this student interfered with an investigation that sought to identify the person (s)' responsible for injuries sustained. This sixth student asked for a review on the grounds of procedural

irregularities. The review committee sustained the disciplinary committee decision.

In the Graduate Divisions and Professional Schools, nine hearings were convened involving fourteen students (one student was seen twice by two separate committees). Three graduate students requested a review of the disciplinary committee's decisions.

The Chicago Booth School of Business held three disciplinary hearings.

- Two students were called before a disciplinary committee charged with cheating on the GMAT. The committee found no credible evidence that either student knowingly accessed information to gain advantage during the admissions process.
- Five students who worked together on an academic group project were charged with academic dishonesty and brought before a disciplinary committee. The committee decided that charges were unfounded for two of the students and recommended to the Professor that a grade for the project be assigned without prejudice to those students. One student received a one quarter suspension and the other two students were placed on probation for the remainder of their tenure at Booth. The committee recommended to the Professor that all three receive an F for their final course grade. Two students asked for a review based on the grounds that new evidence came to light not available to the committee at the time of the hearing. The review committee sustained the original sanctions imposed by the disciplinary committee.
- A disciplinary committee was convened in the Evening/Weekend MBA program for a student accused of simple battery upon another student. The committee imposed a two quarter suspension. The student requested a review on the grounds that new evidence not available to committee at the time of the hearing. The review committee sustained the decision.

The Divinity School convened two disciplinary hearings.

- A student was accused of falsifying documents related to an appointment in another division. The disciplinary committee expelled the student. The student asked for a review based on the grounds of procedural irregularities; the review committee sustained the decision.
- Another disciplinary committee was convened for a student accused of battery upon another student. The committee suspended the student for nine quarters and recommended that the Dean of Students explore mental health treatment options for the student.

The Division of the Humanities convened two disciplinary committees.

- A student was accused of academic dishonesty. The student was accused of lying to a professor about the date when he submitted a final course paper and falsifying the date and time of an email message. The disciplinary committee suspended the student for a period of two quarters.
- A student accused of plagiarism in a paper was given a three quarter suspension by a disciplinary committee.

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

- Two students were accused of plagiarism. The committee decided that the charge was unfounded for one of the students. The other student was found to have plagiarized and the committee recommended that the professor give the student an F for the assignment.

The Pritzker School of Medicine convened one disciplinary committee.

- An admitted medical student was accused of misrepresenting herself on admission materials. The committee decided that the charges of misrepresentation by the student had merit. The student's admission to Pritzker was revoked.

Students sent before disciplinary committees, AY 1999– AY 2009

Year	College/ Academic	College/ Other	Graduate/ Academic	Graduate/ Other	Total
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
08-09	1	5	12	2	19
Average	*2.9*	*3.5*	*7.5*	*3.5*	*17.4*