

Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline

Annual Report to Senate 2011-2012

Introduction

It is the role of the Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline (SONAD) to monitor the various groups involved in non-academic discipline activities. Through consultation with, and receipt of reports from, these groups or individuals, SONAD reviews non-academic procedures and disciplinary activity in an effort to ensure that these systems are fair and effective. SONAD's general mandate is to review and recommend changes to non-academic discipline policies currently in place at the University. SONAD met five times between November 2011 and March 2012. The agenda topics are reviewed below.

Athletics and Recreation Non-Academic Discipline Report

SONAD received the first report submitted under the Athletics and Recreation Non-Academic Discipline Policy, approved by Senate in April 2011. SONAD requested that future reports include definitions of terms used to ensure information is comprehensive and to allow the Committee to satisfy itself that appropriate procedures were followed.

AMS and SGPS Judicial Reports

The AMS reported that in 2010/2011 incidents reported to the Judicial Affairs Office increased. This was attributed to greater awareness of the non-academic discipline system, resulting in better reporting. A greater number of complaints were referred to the AMS Judicial Affairs Office through Residences administration and Campus Security. Some concerns were identified in relation to one case reported. The AMS designate volunteered to seek additional information regarding the case and report to SONAD. A subsequent meeting was held between H. Smith and two members of the AMS to discuss the concerns.

The SGPS dealt with one non-academic discipline cases in 2010-11.

Residence Judicial Report

The Residence Judicial Report generated a number of questions from the Committee. A. Girgrah, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs, submitted a written report in response to the questions and was invited to the following meeting to address any remaining questions.

Pub Ban and Administration Policy

SONAD worked with the AMS, Student Affairs, and Housing and Hospitality Services regarding the Pub Ban and Administration Policy. H. Smith was a member of the Alcohol Working Group (AWG) and monitored progress at the AWG on behalf of SONAD to follow developments on the pub ban procedures.

Respectfully Submitted,

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2011/12 SONAD Membership:

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