

## Report to Academic Senate

Meeting 06/2019

Wednesday, 18th December, 2019

Item #9

### Academic Integrity Committee

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#### Outline and Summary of Issues:

The AIC met on multiple occasions during each trimester to consider incidents of academic misconduct for the Final Exams, mid Trimester exams and Supplementary exams.

A summary of the incidents for T3 is as follows:

Serious Academic misconduct – (marks adjusted) 7

General misconduct – warnings issued 9

#### Other minor incidents

Where it is deemed by the Chair of the AIC and the Academic Co-ordinator that a specific incident is minor in nature and as such not warranting action by the AIC are not included in the above figures. In such incidences the Academic Co-ordinator sends an e-mail to the students concerned advising that the incident has been noted.

#### Summary during all trimesters

A summary for the of both academic and non-academic incidents is provided the table below (number of exams has been estimated). Overall a very small percentage of incident to exams has been experienced) 0.15% average for the year.

Summary for 2019

Table 2				
SCHEDULE OF INCIDENTS	T1 2019	T2 2019	T3 2019	Total
Academic Misconduct	6	13	7	26
Non Academic Misconduct	3	13	16	32
Total	9	26	23	58
approximate papers writtenduring trimester	13,000.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	38,000.00
	0.07%	0.21%	0.18%	0.15%

### Comment on Trend

A graph showing the trend in exam incidents from 2016 is attached. It was noted in the meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 that a significant rise in the number of academic incidents had occurred.

As such the Executive Dean wrote a communication to all student identifying the consequences of academic misconduct, this was followed by a message from the Chair of the AIC along a similar vein.

This has had a positive impact on student behaviour during the MST 2 and final exam for T3 as shown in the graph reducing the number of incidents of Academic misconduct to zero.

While there has been a slight increase in the number of non-academic incidents, the overall trend continues to indicate a downward trend as shown on the Exam Incident Trend-line graph.

### Plagiarism

No incidents of Plagiarism were reported to the AIC in T3.

### Summary

The joint efforts of the AIC and invigilation process continue to monitor and manage the incidents of Academic and non-Academic misconduct to very low levels.

The effective management of these incidents to low levels reinforces the UBSS brand as a provider of quality higher education programs.

### **Recommendations:**

No Recommendations

### **Attachments:**

Attachment 1. – Graphs of incident trends

