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FROM: Michael A. Latcha, Co-Chair
Academic Conduct Committee



SUBJECT: Annual Report, 1994-95

The Senate's charge to the Academic Conduct Committee (ACC) is "to review, propose, and implement policies concerning academic dishonesty." The work of the ACC lies mainly in hearing cases of possible academic misconduct and imposing sanctions on those found guilty. During the period from the Summer term 1994 through the Spring term 1995, the committee heard a total of 11 cases involving 22 students. This represents a significant decrease in the number of cases over the 1993-94 academic year and continues a trend seen in the last three years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Students</u>
1994-95	11	22
1993-94	18	34
1992-93	26	42
1991-92	20	40

Of the 11 cases that were considered in the last year, 9 or 82% resulted in guilty verdicts and one was dropped before a hearing was held. Of the 22 students charged with academic misconduct, 16 or 73% were found guilty. Five of the cases in which students were found guilty were appealed to the Senate Steering Committee; the decisions of the ACC were upheld in all five.

Committee Caseload. The distributions of the number of cases and students brought to the ACC by academic unit and term are as follows:

<u>Academic Unit</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Cases</u>
Engineering	13	4	Summer 1994	1
Accounting	4	2	Fall 1994	4
Art History	1	1	Winter 1995	5
Biological Sciences	1	1	Spring 1995	1
English	1	1		
Political Science	1	1		
Registrar	1	1		

Sanctions. The ACC has a range of sanctions that it may impose on guilty parties. The sanctions include, in order of severity, academic reprimand, probation, suspension, and expulsion. Of the 16 students found guilty, the following penalties were assigned:

Reprimand	4
Probation	5
Suspension	7
Expulsion	0

Periods of suspension ranged from 2 to 3 terms. Persons suspended are also placed on probation for the remainder of their Oakland academic career.