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TO: Vice President for Academic Affairs
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FROM: Mohinder Parkash *MP*
Chair, Academic Conduct Committee (ACC)

RE: Summary -- Annual Report 1997-98

In pursuit of its charge to investigate cases of academic misconduct and impose sanctions on the perpetrators, the ACC received and reviewed 12 cases involving 19 students. The number of cases reviewed and students charged were in line with the trend over previous three years. Out of the cases heard, seven of the cases resulted in at least one guilty verdict with ten students found guilty. In one case the charges were dropped. The committee handled cases from several units within the university which seems to be consistent with the experience in previous years. Cheating was charged in five cases, falsifying documents in three cases and two cases were charged in each for unauthorized collaboration and plagiarism. There were five cases in Fall 1997 and seven cases in Winter 1998.

There is a range of penalties available with the ACC to impose on students found guilty. Historically, suspension has been the most frequent penalty used and this year was no exception. For the seven students suspended, the suspension period ranged from one term to three terms. All suspended students remain on probation for the remainder of their career at Oakland. Additional three students were placed on probation and two students' academic records were put on hold.