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The 2007-2008 year was a resounding success for non-academic discipline as a whole and specifically for the Alma Mater Society (AMS). The office, staffed by seven volunteers had a new physical office separate from the rest of the AMS. The volunteers went through multiple training sessions including a week in early September. This year the office developed and used a secure online case management system that organizes and centralizes all case data. As a result of these developments and others and due in large part to the commitment and caliber of the volunteers in the office, the Judicial Affairs Office took on more cases than ever this past year. There were zero appeals and 238 resolved complaints.

The AMS Judicial Affairs Office and the Judicial Committee derive their authority and jurisdiction through the AMS from the Senate. Senate Function 11 states:

To have responsibility for the well-being of students and to have final responsibility for their discipline including the power to dismiss students for cause. The Alma Mater Society of Queen's University, the Society of Graduate and Professional Students share responsibility for, and have the right to promote, the well being of their members. In the discharge of its disciplinary power, the Senate shall have regard to the initial responsibility of the Alma Mater Society of Queen's University, the Society of Graduate and Professional Students for the discipline of students in non-academic matters; the Senate may review the decisions of the Alma Mater Society of Queen's University, the Society of Graduate and Professional Students and the Residences with respect to the discipline of students, and may take such action as it deems appropriate.

In addition, the *Senate Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline* states that "the AMS... has jurisdiction to deal with many issues of non-academic discipline and to impose sanctions (s. 9). This report was prepared as required by the *Senate Policy on Non-Academic Discipline at Queen's*, which states, "[t]he Senate shall receive reports from the AMS, SGPS and the Residences annually and at other times when requested by the Senate or one of its constituencies. The annual report of the AMS will include a summary of actions from the [Judicial Affairs] Office and a summary of actions from the Judicial Committee." Thus, in accordance with the aforementioned policies, I hereby submit this final report on the operations of the AMS Judicial Affairs Office for the 2007-2008 year.

Respectfully submitted,



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The following is a brief statistical summary of the 2007-2008 year including a comparison to the 2006-2007 year in parentheses.

Cases:

238 total cases (103)

136 homecoming related (63)

102 non-homecoming related (40)

57 of the non-homecoming related cases arose as a result of incomplete sanctions (n/a). Incomplete sanctions refers to a respondent not completing sanctions as directed by the Judicial Committee as a result of a previous violation of the AMS constitution.

45 of the non-homecoming related cases arose from individual incidents (40). These cases were incidents that did not relate to previous cases.

60 cases received no sanctions (46):

-2 were dropped by the complainant

-5 were graduate students (this was passed on to the complainant)

-6 were dropped due to insufficient evidence

-39 were dropped because it was not apparent a violation of the Code of Conduct occurred

-6 were dropped due to mistaken identity of respondents

-2 were dropped because the respondent was not a Queen's student.

171 cases have received sanctions (n/a)

7 cases are still active (n/a)

Total sanctions from Judicial Committee decisions:

Restitution: \$1978.35 (\$114.00)

Fines: \$3395 (\$1250.00)

Bonds: \$3155 (\$1200.00)

Community Service: 336 hours (118 hours)

Letters of Apology: 194 (66)

Ban from AMS pubs: 5 (2)

Suspension of privileges: 2 curfews (0)

Educational sanctions: 7 (1)

Of the total sanctions, the following are outstanding:

Fines: \$2495 (450)

Bonds: \$825 (650)

Community Service: 199 (84)

Letters of Apology: 34 (not recorded)

Educational Sanctions: 3 (0)

The following is a monthly breakdown of cases. The cases are grouped according to the date the complaint was received by the Judicial Affairs Office:

May: 2 cases.  
June: 0 cases.  
July: 0 cases.  
August: 0 cases  
September: 4 cases.  
October: 119 cases.  
November: 11 cases.  
December: 0 cases  
January: 39 cases.  
February: 0 cases.  
March: 63 cases