

## **Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline**

Annual Report to Senate 2009-2010<sup>1</sup>

### **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 from November 2009 through April 2010. The agenda topics are described below.

### **AMS Prosecutor's Report 2008/2009**

The AMS Judicial Affairs Office (JAO) Annual Report for 2008-2009 was submitted to Senate and referred to SONAD. The prosecutor's report is a summary of the statistics compiled by the AMS Prosecutor's Office regarding non-academic discipline. The information was reviewed by SONAD, which concluded that the format and content of the document contributed to an informative Report. SONAD was pleased to see the JAO recommendations regarding homecoming, training, mediation, and community service reflection included in the 2008/09 report.

### **Residences Discipline Report 2008-2009: Summary of Actions**

A summary of actions from the Discipline Working Group (DWG) of the Senate Residence Committee is submitted annually to the Senate. The Senate referred the (Residence Discipline) Report to SONAD for review. SONAD provided comments to the JAO about the information it provides in its report regarding departures from community standards classified as Level 1, 2, and 3. As well, SONAD asked that future reports identify the number of different types of cases that occur (e.g. alcohol related, fire alarm related, etc.).

### **Revision to the *Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline***

Queen's University Senate approved changes to the *Policy on Transcript Terminology for Students Withdrawing from Queen's University* at its meeting on October 22, 2009, to ensure the language was consistent with the *Policy on Academic Integrity Procedures*. All references to academic dishonesty were eliminated and replaced with references to academic integrity. Similarly, the *Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline* (SARD) required that all sections referring to academic dishonesty be revised using the current terminology of academic integrity. SONAD revised the SARD policy to ensure

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<sup>1</sup> The Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline is required to report to the Senate at least annually on the status of non-academic discipline in the University, drawing attention to any special problems that it has identified or anticipates.

that all references to academic dishonesty in the relevant sections were eliminated and replaced with terminology consistent with academic integrity.

***Athletics and Recreation Non-Academic Discipline and Appeal Policy***

SONAD approved the Athletics and Recreation Non-Academic Discipline and Appeal Policy. This document was revised to bring clarity, transparency and a uniform manner of proceeding to the non-academic discipline and appeals process in Athletics and Recreation. As well, the policy was intended to fit more appropriately within the new organizational structure of Athletics and Recreation and to be consistent with the University policy on *Non-Academic Discipline at Queen's*. As part of this policy, the Director of Athletics and Recreation will submit an annual report on disciplinary cases to SONAD.

2009-2010 SONAD Membership:

- L. Anderson, AMS designate (B.A. (Hons) '10)
- L. Jackson, Rector (Chair)
- C. Kahn, SGPS designate (JD '10)
- J. Laker, Dean and AVP Student Affairs
- P. Osanic, Faculty of Law/School of Business
- E. Rankin, B.A. (Hons.) '10
- S. Ryan, ITS Services
- H. Smith, Dispute Resolution
- K. Weiner, Student Senator (B.A. (Hons) '12)