

## University of Toronto Toronto Ontario M5S 1A1

University Tribunal

FILE: 1994/95-10

Expelled: June 1, 1995

April 24, 1995

Professor J.R.S. Prichard President University of Toronto

Dear Professor Prichard:

Re: **Mr. I.** 

At its hearing held on March 20, 1995, the Trial Division of the University Tribunal considered the following charge against Mr. I.:

THAT on or about May 6, 1994, he did use or possess an unauthorized aid or aids or obtain unauthorized assistance in his final examination in MAT 212S contrary to Section B.I.1(b) of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters.

In particular, in the spring of 1994 he was enrolled in MAT 212S. On May 6, 1994, he wrote the final examination in that course, and was found in possession of three pieces of paper on which were recorded mathematical formulae. No such aids were permitted in the examination.

The jury found Mr. I. guilty of the charge and unanimously recommended the following sanction:

• that he be expelled from the University of Toronto for academic misconduct.

The jury gave the following reasons for its decision:

Mr. I. has been convicted of his fifth academic offence, which occurred only weeks after a Tribunal hearing and suspension for previous offences<sup>1</sup>. Because of this pattern, we find no reason to believe that in the future he will be able to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1993/94-12

conduct himself in a manner consistent with the norms and standards of academic integrity upheld by the University of Toronto.

This particular offense is not as severe as others that have warranted expulsion, but the pattern of repeated offences appears to us as paramount. He was not present at the Tribunal hearing. There appear to be no mitigating factors in this case. Since the penalty of suspension failed to prevent another infraction, we believe that the penalty of expulsion is warranted.

We recommend that the Provost publish a public notice of the decision in the University papers.

In addition, the jury made the following remarks based on their review of Mr. I.'s academic record at the University:

Unrelated to our finding of guilt in this matter and our subsequent recommendation of expulsion, the jury would also like to express concern at the obvious lack of guidance and supervision over Mr. I.'s course selection and progress as reflected in his academic record. In light of Mr. I.'s poor performance in previous math and statistics courses, it is incomprehensible to us why he was allowed to enrol in MAT 212, the course in which his academic violation resulted in this hearing and his expulsion.

Neither Mr. I. nor the University has appealed this decision.

In accordance with the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*, this sanction will be recorded permanently on Mr. I.'s academic transcript.

In accordance with Section C.II.(b).1.(i) of the *Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*, a recommendation of expulsion from the University must be approved by the Governing Council. Accordingly, I am forwarding to you the Tribunal's recommendation for a recommendation by you to the Governing Council.

Yours truly,

"Lynn Snowden"

Lynn Snowden Secretary University Tribunal

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