



**FILE: 1996/97-04**

Expelled: February 26, 1998

May 29, 1997

**SENT BY REGISTERED MAIL**

**PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL**

Mr. C.

[REDACTED]

Rexdale, ON

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Dear Mr. C.:

At its hearing held on May 1, and May 15, 1997, the Trial Division of the University Tribunal considered the following charges against you:

In or about May, 1996, you did knowingly forge in or in any other way alter or falsify a document or evidence required by the University, namely an undated letter from "Dr. Sunita Sahi", or you did utter, circulate or make use of such forged, altered or falsified document contrary to Section B.I.1.(a) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*, 1995. Pursuant to Section B of the *Code*, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you forged, altered or falsified the document or uttered, circulated or made use of a forged, altered or falsified document.

In or about May, 1996, you did knowingly engage in a form of cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind, namely you submitted a letter from "Dr. Sunita Sahi" contrary to Section B.I.3.(b) of the *University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters*, 1995. Pursuant to Section B of the *Code*, you are deemed to have acted knowingly if you ought reasonably to have known that you engaged in a form of cheating, academic dishonesty or misconduct, fraud or misrepresentation in order to obtain academic credit or other academic advantage of any kind.

In particular, in the Spring of 1996, you were a student at Erindale College. On or about May 23, 1996, you met with Associate Dean Krull to discuss allegations that you had committed an academic offence in CSC 270S. During the course of your meeting you provided Associate Dean Krull with a letter from "Dr. Sunita Sahi, Psychologist" as evidence of mitigating circumstances in relation to the offence. The letter from "Dr. Sunita Sahi" was forged, false or altered and contained misrepresentations. In particular, Sunita Sahi is neither a psychologist nor a physician.

Based on the evidence presented, the panel found you guilty of the charges and imposed the following sanctions:

- suspension from the University for a period of five years;
- that the sanction imposed by the Tribunal be recorded on the student's academic record and transcript;
- that the decision and sanctions imposed be reported to the Vice-President and Provost for publication in the University newspapers, with the name of the student withheld.

In addition, the panel recommended the following sanction:

- expulsion from the University.

The panel gave the following reasons for its decision:

The panel has concerns about the degree and the nature of the remorse displayed by Mr. C., although that was not in any way a major factor in the determination of the sanction. The panel considered the question of the likelihood of reoffending and considered less the question of reoffending than the fact of the previous offence and the fact of the next previous offence, in the course of which, this particular charge and conviction arose. That was of great concern to the panel. The panel has concern about the mitigating circumstances offered surrounding this event and the panel has the greatest concerns about the effect on the University of the occurrence of this offence, both within the context of the maintenance of a high degree of academic integrity and within the context of the pursuit of truth and learning in an atmosphere that is based upon trust and integrity. Finally, the panel has great concern about the importance of general deterrence within the University community as a whole. Having considered all the facts in the case, the panel recognizes that there is no other similar case because each case is unique, but there is a uniqueness and a history and a background to this particular offence. And there was much concern amongst the panel about the manner of the explanation and, perhaps not so much the manner for the explanation of the offence, but the manner of the explanation for the prospect for the future.

The Tribunal is reporting the case to the Vice-President and Provost for publication in the University newspapers, with your name withheld.

Information concerning rights of appeal may be found in Section E of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (a copy is enclosed). The deadline for filing an appeal by you or by the University is June 19, 1997.

Yours sincerely,

**“Margaret McKone”**

Ms Margaret McKone  
Acting Secretary  
University Tribunal

Enclosure

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