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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/December 2017/ Thomas Butler-Roberts

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Dear Mr Butler-Roberts

Your request for information received on 8 December 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I would like to make a request for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1) The number of instances of academic misconduct over the past five academic years (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17). Please break this down by year and course. Please also state how this was calculated, e.g. if this is the number of times a case has appeared before the academic misconduct panel.

2) Please give me either:

(a) an itemised list of the details of the instances of academic misconduct e.g. whether it related to an essay submission or exam, whether or not it was confirmed as a case of academic misconduct (or just found to be poor practice), if there was a disciplinary outcome of the case and what action was taken.

Or if this is not possible,

(b) overall numbers for the details requested in (a)

2) The number of students at the university found guilty of academic misconduct over the past five academic years (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17). Please break this down by year and course.

3) The number of students permanently excluded from the university as a result of being found guilty of academic misconduct over the past five academic years (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17). Please break this down by year and course.

## **University Response**

Please see the attachment to this correspondence for detailed responses to your queries.

At Middlesex, all suspected cases of plagiarism/misconduct (including minor ones) are referred centrally. This is reflected in the attached data. Although Faculties have the option of dealing with simpler and lower level cases themselves, they generally opt not to do this.

Middlesex is in the process of reviewing its academic misconduct regulations and procedures this year.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, [t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk) within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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