

Visayas State College of Agriculture
Baybay, Leyte
Office of the President

April 25, 1997

MEMORANDUM NO. 39
Series of 1997

T O: Danilo Perez
Michael Alpas

OSA - *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Penalty for Violation of Student Code of Discipline

For violation of the Code of Discipline For All Students of ViSCA and as per recommendation of the Student Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT), you are hereby meted penalty as follows:

1. Danilo Perez
Taking an examination in place of another student
 - Submit a formal written apology of misdoings
 - Render hard labor for 290 hours
2. Michael Alpas
Masterminding the plan to cheat and as an accomplice
 - Render hard labor for 290 hours

You are hereby directed to report immediately to Prof. Aurora S. Alkuino for further instructions on the implementation of this Memorandum and to Prof. Prudencio Q. Marquez for issuance of certificate of accomplishment as prerequisite for the summer 1997 clearance and/or enrolment for the First Semester, SY 1997-98.

For compliance.

[Signature]
SAMUEL S. GO
President *[Signature]*

cc: OSA _____
Student Disciplinary Tribunal *OSA 4/28*
Registrar's Office *[Signature]*
Security Office *[Signature]*
Prof. Prudencio Q. Marquez *[Signature]*
Records Division *4/28/97*



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VISAYAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
Baybay, Leyte 6521-A



April 17, 1997

Dr. Samuel S. Go
President, ViSCA
Baybay, Leyte

Sir :

This is to submit to your office the recommendation of the Student Disciplinary Board (SDT) on the case of Danilo Perez and Michael Alpas.

That Danilo Perez #920541, BSA 4 Soil Science major who is guilty of violation of the Code of Discipline For All Students of ViSCA, Part II, Article VII, Section 1,1 (taking an examination in place of another student) by providing the answers to the test questions given to him by Mr. Michael Alpas during a special removal examination in Zoology 21 last March 20, 1997. (Please find excerpt of the minutes of the SDT and report of the Department Based Guidance Facilitator.)

Be required for remedial measure to:

- a) submit a formal written apology of his misdoings;
- b) render hard labor for 290 hours under the supervision of Mr. Joel Ancheta, SDT member.

That Michael Alpas #960556, BAS 2, is equally guilty of violation of the Code of Discipline for All Students of ViSCA, Part II, Article VII, Section 1,1, who was the mastermind of the plan to cheat and accomplice be required for remedial measure to:

- a) render hard labor for 290 hours under the supervision of Mr. Joel Ancheta, SDT member.

It is further recommended that certification of accomplishment be a prerequisite in the final examination clearance for summer '97 or for enrolment for the 1st semester 1997-98.

Very truly yours,

Aurora S. Alkuino
AURORA S. ALKUINO
Director

Approved: [Signature]

Hard labor should be under the supervision of Prof. P. Marquez.



VISAYAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

ViSCA, Leyte 6521-A
Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PROTECTION

March 31, 1997

Prof. Aurora S. Alkuino
Director, OSA
ViSCA, Baybay, Leyte

Dear Prof. Alkuino:

I was just informed about a case of cheating conducted during the special removal examination in Zoology 21 on March 20, 1997 (Please see attached communication).

The students involved as mentioned in the letter are Mr. Michael Alpas, and Mr. Danny Perez. I haven't met and talked to the students concerned but as in the previous cheating incident in the Department of Plant Protection (i.e. in Plant Protection 21) the students were given automatically a grade of 5.0. In addition the Department also recommended a maximum penalty of one year (2 semesters) suspension (ViSCA Code Chapter VII Section 2e p. 76). Unfortunately, in the case of Mr. D. Perez, he had passed Zoology 21 and therefore we have no way of penalizing him. In this regard the Department would like to seek advise from your office regarding the final decision awaiting this matter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

dm
LUALHATI M. NORIEL
Guidance Based-Facilitators
DPP, ViSCA

Noted:

[Signature]
BIMBO T. MANDRAS
OIC, DPP

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cc: Dr. Corazon B. Batoy

[Signature]
M. M. DE LA TORRE
Clerk I, OSA 4/10/97

March 31, 1997

Dr. Bimbo T. Mandras
OIC
Department of Plant Protection
ViSCA, Baybay, Leyte

Thru: Dr. Lualhati M Noriel
Guidance Coordinator
Dept. of Plant Protection
ViSCA, Baybay, Leyte

Dear Sir/Madame:

I wish to inform you of a cheating incident that happened last Thursday, March 20, 1997 during the Zoology 21 Special Removal Examinations. The said examination was proctored by Ms. Analyn Mendoza, who reported to the undersigned the said incident.

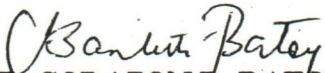
Per information from Ms. Mendoza, one of the examinees, in the person of MR. MICHAEL ALPAS was caught copying the answers of the essay questions from a piece of paper which contained a different handwriting from that of MR. MICHAEL ALPAS. Please be informed that MR. ALPAS was not able to take the regular removal examinations in Zoology 21 given on March 17, 1997 since it was in conflict with another examination in Ag. Extension. MR. ALPAS was informed by the undersigned that the special removal examinations will consist of ten essay questions and the date was set on Thursday, March 20, 1997 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1997, MR. MICHAEL ALPAS and MR. DANNY PEREZ, a BSA major in Agronomy and Soil Science came to the office of the undersigned in order to explain their side of the incident. According to MR. ALPAS, after the undersigned inform him that the examinations will consist of essay questions he felt nervous since he was very much afraid that he might not be able to answer the questions. He sought the help of his dorm mate MR. DANNY PEREZ. Together they plan what to do during the examinations.


At around 9:00 A.M. on the examination day, MR. MICHAEL ALPAS copied on a piece of paper all the test questions (10 essay questions). Without asking permission from the proctor he sneaked out of the room and gave the piece of paper on which was written the ten questions to MR. DANNY PEREZ who was waiting at the lobby of the Dept. of Plant Protection. MR. DANNY PEREZ admitted to the undersigned that he wrote the answers to the ten questions and after one hour he went back to the Dept. of Plant Protection. During this time , MR. ALPAS asked permission from the proctor to leave the room. When he came back he hurriedly copied the answers and fortunately Ms. Mendoza was able to notice it. When Ms. Mendoza inquired why he copied the questions into another sheet of paper , MR. ALPAS answered that he did not want the official answer sheet to contain erasures. Ms. Mendoza told MR. ALPAS to submit the "scratch" paper from which he copied the answers together with the official answer sheet. When MR. ALPAS submitted his paper, Ms. Mendoza found out that the portion of the paper where the questions were written was tore off and that the handwriting on the "scratch" paper was very different from the hand writing of MR. ALPAS. Ms. Mendoza gave the papers of MR. ALPAS to the undersigned.

MR. ALPAS admitted that he cheated and due to his admission and being caught in the act by the proctor he automatically receives a GRADE OF 5.0 in Zoology 21. Though MR. DANNY PEREZ admitted that he was the one who answered the questions which was copied by MR. ALPAS, the undersigned does not have official jurisdiction over MR. DANNY PEREZ. It is for this reason that the undersigned is elevating the case to the DPP Department Head and Guidance Coordinator for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,


DR. CORAZON B. BATOY
Lecturer - Zoology 21

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M. M. DE LA TORRE
Clerk I, OSA 4/10/97

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
STUDENT DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL MEETING
Friday, April 11, 1997
OSA Conference Room

IV.a) Case reported by DPP Guidance Based-Facilitator

After the body discussed on the reported incident on a case of cheating conducted during a special removal examination in Zoology 21 on March 20, 1997 and the corresponding penalty as provided for in the Revised Student Handbook, the concerned students were then invited for an interview.

Mr. Danilo Perez was first called and when asked about the the report, he confirmed that he provided the answers to the test questions given to him by Mr. Michael Apas for the latter to copy but was not promised of any reward. When asked if he is aware that cheating is punishable under the provisions of the Code of Student Discipline, Mr. Perez answered that he is aware and that if suspended, he would quit his studies.


Mr. Michael Apas was next interviewed and was given the chance to explain. He confirmed the report of cheating and said he was the one who planned on what to do. He asked forgiveness and said he is willing to do whatever punishment will be given to him provided he will not be suspended because he wanted to continue his studies.

The board, after considering the future of the students, unanimously decided not to suspend Perez and Apas. Mr Perez is required to submit a formal written apology due to his reaction during the interview. Both students are recommended to render

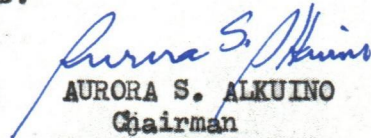
hard labor for 290 hours with the following options:

1. Advise them to drop their summer classes in order to serve the penalty of hard labor; or
2. Let them continue attending summer classes and serve the penalty during off hours.

Certified Correct:


ASTERIA A. SEVILLA
Recorder

ATTESTED:


AURORA S. ALKUINO
Chairman