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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_14-042)

We have now considered your request of 19 February 2014 for information relating to student cheating.

Our response can be found, together with your original request, on page 2 of this letter and we hope this will meet your requirements.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_14-042)

1. The number of students in their first academic year at the university who were caught cheating, in the academic year of 2011/2012.

54

2. The number of students in their first academic year at the university who were caught cheating, in the academic year of 2012/2013.

28

3. If students were cheating in their coursework, what was the most common form of cheating?

Plagiarism was the most common form of cheating in coursework in both 2011/12 and 2012/13.

4. If students were cheating in their exams, what was the most common form of cheating?

Possession of notes was the most common form of cheating in exams in both 2011/12 and 2012/13.

5. What punishments were given to those who were caught cheating?

In exams, candidates were either given formal warnings or marks of zero for the assessment, depending on seriousness of offence. For coursework, the student either had to resubmit the work, engage in some remedial action that did not affect their mark (such as attending Learning Enhancement Team¹ appointments and/or events) or had a penalty applied to their mark (i.e. their mark was lowered), depending on seriousness of offence.

¹ <http://www.uea.ac.uk/services/students/let>