

DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

- **a.** Murlin K. Beltain (DOB: 1939.12.16)
- **b.** Professional Misconduct.
- **c.** The hearing was held 1996.11.20 in the boardroom of the College. The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on January 16,1997.
- d. The citation alleged that Murlin K. Beltain was guilty of professional misconduct based on her conviction on a charge of gross indecency for which she was sentenced on March 17, 1995 to thirty days in jail to be served intermittently on weekends and also based on the facts and circumstances giving rise to the conviction. The charge and conviction related to a relationship of a sexual nature commencing in 1977 with a female student where Ms. Beltain was a teacher-counsellor.
- **e.** The hearing panel determined that actions of Murlin K. Beltain constituted a serious breach of the trust placed on members of the profession and found Murlin K. Beltain guilty of professional misconduct.
 - In the opinion of the panel any sexual relationship between a student and a teacher, even if it is considered consensual by the parties involved, constitutes a serious breach of trust and abuse of power.
- **f.** The panel recommended that Murlin K Beltain's certificate of qualification be cancelled and her membership terminated. Murlin K. Beltain consented to this recommendation.