



## DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

- a. Theodore Guy Widen (DOB 1958/02/11)

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- b. Professional Misconduct and Other Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the College.
- c. This case was brought to the College of Teachers as the result of disciplinary actions by the School Board which employed Mr Widen. The hearing was held September 25, 2000 in the boardroom of the College. The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on January 25, 2001.
- d. The citation alleged that Theodore Guy Widen engaged in and fostered an inappropriate personal relationship with a fifteen year old female student through the writing of journal entries and the exchanging of correspondence which were of a personal nature, and which addressed improper and inappropriate subject matter. The subject matter included written correspondence with sexual overtones, profanity, criticisms of colleagues and other professionals, and the sharing of very personal and sensitive issues. Mr Widen agrees that he engaged in the conduct as described and that it constitutes professional misconduct or other conduct unbecoming a member of the College.
- e. The panel determined that Mr Widen breached the acceptable standards of the profession by the content and purpose of his communication and the subsequent inappropriate relationship with a female student. The profession recognizes that a privileged relationship exists with students and teachers must not exploit that relationship for any reason.
- f. Theodore Guy Widen consented to the hearing panel's recommendations regarding penalty and was suspended for six months (September 9, 1998 to March 9, 1999).