



DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

a. Roy Anson Dennis David (Hap) Watson (DOB: 1943.05.23)

b. Professional misconduct

c. The hearing was held on March 10-14, March 24-28, 2003; and July 14-16, 2003, in Quesnel, B.C; August 27-29, 2003; January 15, February 10, 11, and March 2, 2004, at the College's offices in Vancouver, B.C. The report and recommendations of the Hearing Sub-Committee (the "Committee") were presented to Council on June 18, 2004. This matter originated as a report under section 16 of the *School Act*.

d. The respondent engaged in inappropriate activity of a sexual nature with a particularly vulnerable seventeen-year-old female student that continued after she turned eighteen. The inappropriate activity included kissing, sexual touching, oral sex and sexual intercourse.

The respondent was a teacher at the school the student attended. In April 1999, the student approached the respondent for help with her math course. The respondent began to tutor the student and the relationship progressed to one sexual in nature.

e. The Committee considered the evidence presented by both counsel, and concluded that the respondent was guilty of professional misconduct. It found that this case was very serious because it concerns deceit, the exercise of power and control, the undermining of the parental role and authority, and sexual activity.

f. The Committee considered the submissions presented by counsel on penalty, publication and costs. The Committee determined that the penalty be a cancellation of the respondent's certificate of qualification. In regards to costs, the Committee found that the respondent should be assessed costs in the amount of \$1,250, to offset the costs of a one-day delay due to the unavailability of the respondent's witnesses. In the matter of publication, the Committee concluded that there were no mitigating circumstances against publication of the respondent's name. It is in the public interest that publication occurs.

Council considered the report and recommendations of the Committee as well as counsel submissions. It was agreed that the respondent's certificate of qualification be cancelled. It was also agreed that the respondent's name be published and partial costs be assessed to the respondent.

g. The respondent's appeal to the British Columbia Supreme Court was dismissed on December 3, 2004.