

**DECISION OF THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE
OF THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS
IN THE MATTER OF**

**A COMPLAINT SUBMITTED BY THE REGISTRAR
REGARDING MARTIN GASTON JOSEPH BEAULNE**

PANEL: Nick Forte, Heather Nagy, Anne Marie Levesque

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Investigation Committee has disposed of this matter without a full investigation. The information contained within the following summary has been provided by the Complainant(s) and does not contain any input from the Member, Martin Gaston Joseph Beaulne. Unless otherwise stated in its Decision, no determination has been made by the Investigation Committee in respect to the veracity, or otherwise, of the allegations and information provided by the Complainant(s).

On August 15, 2006, the Ontario College of Teachers (the "College") received a letter from Alberta Education, stating that on April 25, 2006, Martin Beaulne's Alberta Interim Professional Certificate was cancelled because of unprofessional conduct. During the 2004/2005 academic year, Mr. Beaulne was employed by the Greater Southern Separate Catholic Francophone Education Region No. 4.

Mr. Beaulne (the "Member") is a member of the College in good standing.

Additional information was provided by Alberta Education and by the Alberta Teachers' Association. That information indicates that in March 2006, the Alberta Teachers' Association held a hearing and found the Member guilty of unprofessional conduct after the Member admitted to engaging in a relationship with a [REDACTED]-year old female student between September 2004 and March 2005. According to the hearing decision, the Member attempted to hide the relationship, lied to his principal and superintendent about the relationship and involved another member of the profession in attempting to hide the relationship. The hearing decision noted that the Member resigned from his teaching position but he failed to demonstrate any remorse.

The alleged conduct between the Member and the student included inappropriate e-mail communication of a romantic nature, attending movies, rollerblading, hugging and kissing. Also, the student stayed overnight at the Member's apartment on at least two occasions.

On March 27, 2007, the complaint against the member was assessed as suitable for the College's Dispute Resolution Program. On June 6, 2007, the parties indicated that they were amenable to participating in dispute resolution.

The parties signed a Memorandum of Agreement, which, in their opinion, resolved the issues raised by the complaint.

Allegations

As the Complainant, the Registrar alleges that:

1. on or about March 10, 2006, the Alberta Teachers' Association found Martin Gaston Joseph Beaulne, a teacher employed by the Greater Southern Separate Catholic Francophone Education Region No. 4, guilty of unprofessional conduct pursuant to the *Alberta Teaching Profession Act*, which led to the cancellation of his interim teaching certificate by the Alberta Minister of Education on April 25, 2006, after he engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a female Grade [REDACTED] student between September 2004 and March 2005, which included, but was not limited to:
 - a) between September 2004 and February 2005, exchanging e-mail messages with the student that were of an inappropriate and romantic nature;
 - b) spending time with the student at his apartment;
 - c) permitting the student to stay overnight at his apartment on at least two occasions;
 - d) hugging and kissing the student;
 - e) attending movies with the student;
 - f) rollerblading with the student; and
 - g) going on a ski trip with the student; and
2. the conduct detailed in allegation 1, would constitute professional misconduct as defined in the *Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996* and Ontario Regulation 437/97 made under that Act.


Documents Considered by the Committee

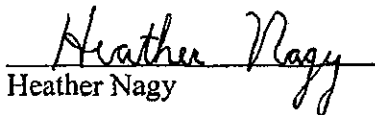
- Request for Ratification
- Letter from Director Mark Swanson, Alberta Education to the College's Manager, Evaluations re. cancellation of the Member's teaching certificate, dated August 9, 2006
- Letter from the College's Manager, Investigations to Director Mark Swanson, Alberta Education, requesting additional information, dated August 29, 2006
- Letter from the College's Manager, Investigations to Director Mark Swanson, Alberta Education, requesting response to previous letter, dated October 23, 2006

- Letter from Director Mark Swanson, Alberta Education to the College's Manager, Investigations, re. request for additional information, dated December 20, 2006
- Letter from the College's Manager, Investigations to the Alberta Teachers' Association re. cancellation of the Member's teaching certificate, dated January 10, 2007
- Letter from the College's Manager, Investigations to Director Mark Swanson, Alberta Education re. co-operation with the College, dated January 10, 2007
- Memo from the College's Manager, Investigations to the College Registrar re. NASDTEC match for the Member, dated January 11, 2007, with attachment:
 - Certificate of Qualification for the Member, issued June 24, 2003
- Letter from Executive Secretary and CEO Gordon Thomas, Alberta Teachers' Association to the College's Manager, Investigations re. request for additional information, dated February 1, 2007, with attachment:
 - Decisions and Reasons from the Report of the Hearing Committee of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Alberta Teachers' Association re. the Member, dated March 10, 2006
- Memo from the College Investigator to file re. telephone conversation with Executive Secretary and CEO Gordon Thomas, Alberta Teachers' Association, dated March 15, 2007
- Memo from the College Investigator to file re. telephone conversation with Assistant Registrar Laurette Sutterland, Alberta Education, dated March 16, 2007
- Memo from the College Registrar to the College's Investigations and Hearings Co-ordinator re. initiating a complaint against the Member, dated March 22, 2007, with attachment:
 - Request to Initiate Investigation Form signed by the College Registrar, dated March 22, 2007
- Letter of notification from the College Registrar to the Member, dated May 2, 2007
- Memo from the College Investigator to file re. notifying the Member of the complaint, dated May 2, 2007
- Memorandum of Agreement signed by the parties

Decision of the Committee

On December 19, 2007, a panel of the Investigation Committee considered this complaint and, in accordance with the provisions of 26(5)(d) of the *Ontario, College of Teachers Act, 1996*, the Investigation Committee ratified the attached Memorandum of Agreement. This is based on the opinion of the Committee that the terms of this Agreement resolve the complaint in the public interest.


 Nick Forte, Chair


 Heather Nagy


 Anne Marie Levesque