

AR 15. Honesty in Academic Work

The proposal is to eliminate the current version and consider the proposed version below. The Faculty Senate will discuss the proposed version on February 9, and it's anticipated that a vote to approve will occur on March 9.

Current Version:

The administration of the classroom rests with the instructor. When evidence of academic dishonesty comes to the instructor's attention, the instructor should: (a) document the incident, (b) permit the accused student to provide an explanation, (c) advise the student of possible penalties, and (d) take action. The instructor may impose any academic penalty up to and including an F grade in the course after consulting with his or her department chair and informing the student of the action taken. Using the standard form, the instructor must report the incident and the action taken to his or her department chair, who, in turn, shall forward the report to his or her dean.

If the student is not enrolled in the college or school in which the course is offered, the dean of that college shall forward the report to the dean of the college or school in which the student is enrolled for possible disciplinary action.

Grade penalties imposed as a result of academic dishonesty may be appealed by the student in accordance with the procedures developed by the department and college or school in which the course is offered.

Proposed Version:

1. Overview

The violation of academic honesty is a serious charge. Definitions and examples of academic misconduct are outlined in the Student Code, Section 4.2.1 (link to Student Code). All cases of alleged academic misconduct for which an academic sanction may be applied must follow the procedural steps summarized in this regulation. Allegations of academic misconduct will be reviewed and adjudicated by a college-designated hearing officer (CHO). If the CHO determines that academic misconduct has occurred, course sanctions up to and including an F grade in the course may be imposed. Depending upon the severity of the violation and/or if a record of previous violation(s) exists, the college and/or university may impose additional sanctions.

2. Faculty Responsibility/Role:

The administration of the classroom rests with the instructor. When evidence of academic misconduct comes to the instructor's attention, the instructor may meet with the student and confer with the CHO and/or unit head. After reviewing all available information, if the faculty member believes academic misconduct has occurred and that the violation warrants the application of an academic sanction, an Academic Dishonesty Report Form (ADRF) must be submitted.

3. Adjudication Process:

After receiving the ADRF, the CHO will notify the student of the allegation and request a meeting with the student. The student shall have three business days to schedule a meeting with the CHO; failure to schedule a meeting may result in a hearing in absentia.

Minimally, the CHO will meet separately with the student, faculty member, and a representative of the Graduate School (if a graduate student case). During the meeting with the student, the CHO will review the allegation, describe the adjudication process,

and provide an overview of the student's rights. The student will have ten business days from the date of meeting with the CHO to provide a response statement.

After reviewing the evidence, the CHO will determine whether or not a violation has occurred. If a violation is confirmed, the CHO will consult with Student Conduct and Community Standards (SCCS) to determine the appropriate sanction(s). **[Add link to appropriate sanctions]**. The CHO will send written notification of the decision to the student, reporting faculty, department head, and other relevant parties (i.e., Graduate School, Honors College, INTO OSU, Athletics).

4. Appeal Process:

The student may appeal a finding of academic misconduct by using the Academic Dishonesty Appeals Form (ADAF). **[Add link to online form]**. The student must submit an appeal to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards within five business days following receipt of the written decision from the CHO.

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