

2.17/ Student Academic Integrity

I. Purpose

To set forth the expectations for the responsible acquisition, discovery, and application of knowledge by students at Wichita State University, including the ethical use of information resources, and to ensure the integrity of academic credit and degrees conferred by the University.

II. Philosophy

Wichita State University is committed to the ethical pursuit of knowledge. In order to ensure the

lecture slides, or any other form of intellectual property. This includes, but is not limited to, providing academic materials to crowdsourced digital databases and web platforms.

J. Research misconduct as identified in Policy 9.13/Misconduct in Research. Alleged violations of research misconduct will be resolved through policy 9.13. Academic sanctions can be made when said research misconduct overlaps academics.

IV. Reporting, Procedures and Appeals

Any individual with a good faith basis for believing a student has violated this policy is encouraged to report the alleged violation to the faculty member responsible for the course and the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. When a faculty member has reasonable, good faith belief that a student has committed academic misconduct, that faculty member has the discretion to assign a sanction, including academic sanctions (e.g., failing grade on the assignment or failing grade for the course) or educational sanctions (e.g., plagiarism training or reflection activities). Any faculty member imposing a sanction against a student for a violation of this policy must report the violation to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards to ensure due process. In order to identify habitual offenders, faculty members are encouraged to report all alleged Academic Integrity violations to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, even when the faculty member chooses not to sanction a student for violations of this policy, or if the violation was resolved without an academic sanction.

Students who disagree with the sanction imposed by the faculty member may request a hearing by the Academic Integrity Committee. The Academic Integrity Committee will hold a hearing to review the evidence to determine if a violation occurred, and if so, if the sanction is appropriate.

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards will maintain a record of all reported incidents of Academic Misconduct. In some cases (e.g., repeat offenders or egregious offenses),

advisor may not participate in the student academic integrity process in any other capacity in reference to the same incident, including, but not limited to, serving as a Witness or Co-Respondent. Advisors may not directly participate, speak, comment, or make any type of representation or argument on behalf of a Respondent in any aspect of the student academic integrity process including, but not limited to: meetings, interviews, or hearings. The availability of an Advisor to attend a student academic integrity process meeting, interview, or hearing shall not unreasonably interfere with or delay the proceedings.

Appeals Committee (graduate) the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee) and the Dean of the Graduate School (or designee)

Appeals Committee (undergraduate) the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee) and either the dean of the academic college in which the violation occurred or the dean of the academic college for the student's academic major depending upon the nature of the appeal

Faculty Member any member of the University community who has responsibility for classroom or other teaching activities, mentoring, or academic evaluation of a student. This includes, but is not limited to, instructors, researchers, applied learning supervisors, teaching assistants, research assistants, graduate assistants, lab assistants, and course directors.

Respondent any student, student group, or student organization who has been accused of or reported for allegedly violating University policy. There may be more than one respondent for an incident. In incidents involving student groups or organizations, the president, director, team captain, or other member of student leadership will participate in the student academic integrity process on behalf of the group or organization. Student groups and organizations may not be represented by non-students, alumni, inactive members, or coaches in the student academic integrity process; however, such individuals may be selected by a student group or organization to serve in the role of Advisor in the student academic integrity process.

Student – any individual who has been notified of admission to the University; is enrolled in, auditing, or participating in any University course or program; is assigned a space in a University owned or managed housing facility; or has a continuing relationship with the University. This includes, but is not limited to, Orientation, Intensive English, National Student Exchange, and Study Abroad. An individual is considered a student until they notify the University they are no longer a student, or the University informs them that they are no longer a student for reasons including, but not limited to, withdrawal, transfer, graduation, academic disqualification, or expulsion. An individual who has been suspended is still considered a student during the suspension period. Students who leave the University before an academic integrity complaint is resolved may be prohibited from future enrollment and/or accessing University records until the matter is resolved.

Student Group – any number of persons who are associated with the University and each other, but who have not registered, or are not required to register, as a student organization that conducts business or participates in University-related activities. Student groups include, but are

not limited to, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, musical or theatrical ensembles, sport clubs, or intercollegiate or independent varsity athletic teams.

Student Organization – any student-led organization that has been approved and is recognized by the Student Government Association.

University – Wichita State University (WSU) and its affiliates.

University Business Day – refers to any day the University is open for official business (usually Monday through Friday, not including University breaks or holidays)

University Official – any individual employed by the University, acting within the scope of their employment including, but not limited to, faculty, staff, Resident Assistants, Intramural Officials, law enforcement officers, or facility managers

University Policy – any written guidelines of the University or the Kansas Board of Regents as found in, but not limited to, the *Housing and Residence Life Handbook*, *Graduate/Undergraduate Catalogs*, *Student Organization & Advisor Handbook*, *WSU Policies and Procedures Manual*, *Library Facilities Policy*, *Board of Regents Board Policy Manual*, *Traffic Regulations*, and/or *Intramural Sports Handbook*

University Premises – any land, building, facilities, vehicles, and other property in the possession of, owned, used, leased, or otherwise controlled by the University and/or its affiliates

Witness – individual who is requested to participate in an investigation or a hearing because that individual may have information about the alleged misconduct. Witness names may be provided by the Respondent or others with knowledge of the matter

VIII. Interpretation and Revision

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