

Educational Policies Committee

Policy 3.01: Student Academic Ethics Policy, Policies and Procedures

Need for revisions

As it currently stands, the policy does not address the following situations

- Use of unauthorized electronic devices during exams in which other electronic devices are required.
- Illicit sharing of test *answers*, rather than just questions.
- Illicit sharing of exam materials *before* an exam, in addition to during an exam.
- Cheating without intent, and how intent or lack thereof may influence sanctions.
- Violations by students discovered after graduation
- Violations by former students

NOTE: the EPC would like to defer the issues of violations by former students and post-graduation discovery of violations to a later date, since the issue demands more thorough discussion with other university parties. The EPC feels that the revisions proposed below will adequately address the issues listed above.

Proposed revisions, approved by EPC, February 1, 2021

§IV.A.3: Added "(e.g., a complete paragraph or an entire graph)" regarding plagiarism of extensive sources.

§IV.D: Added "or sharing materials for the use or attempted use of any unauthorized assistance" as a form of cheating

§IV.D: Added "Cheating may be intentional or unintentional, the degree of which may influence the designation of level of violation." to clarify the issue of intent and its potential ramifications for sanctions.

§IV.D.4: Added "unauthorized" before "electronic devices", recognizing that electronic devices are necessary for online teaching and test taking.

§IV.D.5: Added "or prior to" to clarify that communicating answers before an exam is considered cheating, equal to communication of answers during an exam using electronic devices.

§IV.D.8: Added "and/or answers" to the provision barring sharing of questions to other students in oral or written form.

§IV.G: grammatical clarification (inserted the word "student")

§V. A: indentation

§V.A.1: grammatical clarification (inserted the word "include")

§V.B: Added "Level Two reprimands will be placed in the student's file maintained in the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost but will not be made public or attached to transcripts or other records. The Provost will notify the student in writing that such action has been taken", including heretofore missing language similar to that of §V.A

§V.C: Added "Level Three reprimands will be placed in the student's file maintained in the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost but will not be made public or attached to transcripts or other records. The Provost will notify the student in writing that such action has been taken", including heretofore missing language similar to that of §V.A