

Procedures and Sanctions for Academic Integrity

Under Section 2.9 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the respective colleges of the University have responsibility for addressing student conduct solely affecting the college. Just as the task of inculcating values of academic honesty resides with the faculty, the college faculty are entrusted with the discretionary authority to decide how incidents of academic dishonesty are to be resolved. Once documentations are submitted for review and/or once decisions have been made, any retaliation will be addressed by the appropriate conduct process. If a faculty member suspects that a student has intentionally violated Code standards of academic integrity, the faculty member shall initiate the following procedures:

1. The faculty member shall request a meeting with each student involved. At the meeting the faculty member shall:
 - a. Attempt to ascertain the facts pertinent to the incident;
 - b. Explain to the student the basis for the suspicion of academic dishonesty; and
 - c. Give the student an opportunity to explain the matter satisfactorily.
 - d. If the student admits responsibility for the act of dishonesty or if the faculty member determines after hearing the student that the evidence supports a conclusion that the student committed an act of academic dishonesty, the faculty member may impose a sanction. If the faculty determines that imposition of only an academic sanction is appropriate, the faculty member may impose an academic sanction, such as retaking a test or rewriting a paper, or failure for the work involved or failure for the course.
 - e. The faculty member shall make a report in writing of the facts of the case and any academic sanction imposed, giving a copy of the report to the student. The faculty member will forward the report to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Student Life, via the Department Chair and Dean.
2. If a graduate student disagrees with the faculty member on either the alleged act of dishonesty and/or the academic sanction, the student may file an appeal according to the approved appeal policies of the University of Nebraska Graduate College. The faculty member will complete a report as indicated in Article III, Section E, 6, below.
3. If an undergraduate student disagrees with the faculty member on either the alleged act of dishonesty and/or the academic sanction, they may request the department chair to serve as a confidential mediator.

4. If an undergraduate student continues to disagree with the faculty member on either the alleged act of dishonesty and/or the academic sanction after mediation with the department chair or if the faculty member is the department chair, they may request the Dean, or Dean's designee to serve as a confidential mediator.

5. If the matter cannot be resolved with an undergraduate student through mediation with the department chair and the Dean or designee, as provided in Article III, Section E, 3 and E, 4, within ten (10) university days, or if after the initial meeting with the student, the faculty member determines with the concurrence of the department chair and the Dean of the college that the severity of the alleged academic dishonesty is of a nature that, if true, would warrant the imposition both academic and disciplinary sanctions, the Dean shall refer the incident to the University Conduct Officer for adjudication under the Student Code of Conduct.

6. If the student accepts the determination reached after subsequent mediation with the department chair or Dean, the faculty member shall make a report in writing of the facts of the case and any academic sanction imposed, giving a copy of the report to the student. The faculty member will forward the report to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Student Life, via the Department Chair and Dean.

7. If the Conduct Board/Conduct Officer imposes disciplinary sanctions and/or academic sanctions, a report in writing of the facts of the case and the sanctions imposed will be given to the student and to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Student Life.

Interim Action – Removal from Academic Setting

1. If a University faculty or staff member observes conduct which substantially interferes with or disrupts the academic environment within a classroom or other setting, the faculty or staff member has the authority to remove the student from the environment in which the conduct occurs, up to and including contacting UNK Police to effect the removal.
2. Pending initiation of University Conduct proceedings, the faculty or staff member, may then temporarily suspend a student from that academic environment when that faculty or staff member believes that the presence of the Accused Student in that environment would seriously disrupt the normal operation of that environment.
3. In such cases of removal and/or interim suspension, the faculty or staff member shall forward the complaint to the Conduct Officer within 24 hours for

consideration of Conduct proceedings against the Accused Student. The Conduct Officer shall then initiate appropriate conduct proceedings against the Accused Student as promptly as is reasonably possible.

Until the Conduct Officer so directs, the student may not re-enter the academic setting. The student may be eligible for return after a specific period of time, determined by the Conduct Officer, contingent upon meeting specified conditions for re-admittance.