

Florida Atlantic University

Regulation 4.001

Code of Academic Integrity

(1) Purpose. Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which all students enjoy an equal opportunity to succeed. Dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility.

(2) Definitions. The FAU Code of Academic Integrity prohibits dishonesty and requires a faculty member, student, or staff member to notify an instructor when there is reason to believe dishonesty has occurred in a course, program requirement, or University supported academic activity. The instructor must pursue any reasonable allegation, taking action where appropriate.

(A) For purposes of this regulation, “instructor” means the instructor of record for the course in which the alleged dishonesty occurred or, in the case of a program requirement or University supported academic activity, the faculty or staff member providing oversight or guidance for the requirement or activity. Allegations of academic dishonesty may also be reviewed in accordance with University Policy 10.1.1, *Research Misconduct*.

(B) Academic dishonesty includes any act designed to obtain, or assist another in obtaining, academic credit, grades, or other recognition, which is not properly earned, or behavior that improperly

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- a) Falsifying or inventing information, data, or citations.
- b) Failing to comply with examination regulations or failing to obey the instructions of an examination proctor.
- c) Submitting the same paper or assignment, or part thereof, in more than one class without the written consent of both instructors.
- d) Any other form of academic cheating, plagiarism, or dishonesty.

(3) Procedures.

(A) If the instructor determines that there is sufficient evidence to believe that a student engaged in dishonesty, the instructor will meet with the student at the earliest possible opportunity and provide notice to the student of their perception of the facts, the charges against the student, and the sanction. If the student fails to respond to the instructor's written request for a meeting within ten (10) business days from the date of the request, the instructor will proceed with the written notice of allegation in accordance with paragraph (3)(B), below. The instructor may not remove the student from the course until

Council, direct the hearing, and maintain the minutes and all records of the appeal hearing, which will not be transcribed or recorded. The hearing is an educational activity subject to student privacy laws/regulations, and the strict rules of evidence do not apply. The student may choose to be accompanied by a single advisor, but only the student may speak on their own behalf. The student and instructor may present testimony and documents on their behalf. Additional witnesses may be permitted to speak at the dean's (or designee's) discretion and only if relevant and helpful to the Council. The Council will deliberate and make a recommendation to the dean to affirm or void the instructor's findings of academic dishonesty only and shall not make a finding with regard to the penalty assigned by the instructor. The dean (or designee) will inform the student and instructor in writing of their findings after the receipt of the Council's recommendation.

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after successful completion of the Academic Integrity Seminar, the student will be expelled from the University. For purposes of this paragraph, a repeat offense occurs when a student has been found responsible for a violation of the