

RESOLUTION-POLICY

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	For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan *University* Senate President  
To: Dr. James Newell, Interim Provost  
Date: 3/6/12  
RE: Senate Resolution *120302-1*

**Proposed Changes to Academic Integrity Policy**

Orange font indicates new language; blue font indicates language that had been present in the Academic Integrity Policy prior to May, 2011.

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Current language, May 2011:

Level 2 violations involve incidents of a more serious nature and affect a significant aspect or portion of the course. Any violation that involves repeat offenses at Level 1 is considered a Level 2 violation. A sanction for a Level 2 violation will not exceed a failing grade in the course.

Proposed changes:

Level 2 violations involve incidents of a more serious nature and affect a significant aspect or portion of the course. ~~Any violation that involves repeat offenses at Level 1 is considered a Level 2 violation.~~ A **second Level 1 violation will automatically become a Level 2 violation.** A sanction for a Level 2 violation will not exceed a failing grade in the course.

Rationale: Current language is unclear about the penalties for repeat offenses.

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Current language, May 2011:

Level 3 offenses are even more serious in nature and involve dishonesty on a more significant portion of course work, such as a major paper, hourly or final examination. Any violation that is premeditated or involves repeat offenses below Level 3 is considered a Level 3 violation. A sanction for a level 3 violation will not exceed suspension from the University.

Proposed changes:

Level 3 offenses are even more serious in nature and involve dishonesty on a more significant portion of course work, such as a major paper, hourly or final examination. Any violation that is premeditated ~~or involves repeat offenses below Level 3~~ is considered a Level 3 violation. **If the student had previously been found guilty either of one or more violations at Level 2 or higher, or of two Level 1 violations, an additional violation will automatically become at least a Level 3 violation.**

Rationale: Current language is unclear about the penalties for repeat offenses.

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Current language, May 2011:

Reporting Mechanisms: Matters involving Level 3 violations are adjudicated by the Academic Integrity Review Board. A record of this violation will be retained in the Office of the Provost in accordance with State record retention guidelines.

Proposed changes:

Reporting Mechanisms: Matters involving Level 3 violations are adjudicated by the Academic Integrity Review Board **and the hearings will be recorded**. A record of this violation will be retained in the Office of the Provost in accordance with State record retention guidelines. **The student can appeal the determination and/or the sanction in accordance with policy.**

Rationale: Counsel suggests this is necessary. Earlier versions of the RAIV had stipulated that hearings would be recorded and that the student had the right to appeal.

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Current language, May 2011:

Matters involving Level 4 violations are adjudicated by the Academic Integrity Review Board. A record of this violation will be retained in the Office of the Provost in accordance with State record retention guidelines.

Proposed changes:

Reporting Mechanisms: Matters involving Level 4 violations are adjudicated by the Academic Integrity Review Board **and the hearings will be recorded**. A record of this violation will be retained in the Office of the Provost in accordance with State record retention guidelines. **The student can appeal the determination and/or the sanction in accordance with policy.**

Rationale: Counsel suggests this is necessary. Earlier versions of the RAIV had stipulated that hearings would be recorded and that the student had the right to appeal.

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Current language, May 2011:

Level 3 and 4 violations: The Office of the Provost will refer the matter to the Academic Integrity Review Board for adjudication at a hearing. Final decisions are made by the Provost.

Proposed changes:

Level 3 and 4 violations: The Office of the Provost will refer the matter to the Academic Integrity Review Board for adjudication at a hearing. **The Board will issue a ruling to the Office of the Provost, which will make the final decisions on both rulings and appeals.**

Rationale:

The revised language presents a more accurate description of the Board's role.

Acceptance:

\_\_\_\_\_ I give my approval. I have forwarded this item to \_\_\_\_\_ for implementation.

\_\_\_\_\_ No approval is actually needed. I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for informational purposes only:

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL REVIEW NEEDED:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to give approval if the following modification(s) are made:

\_\_\_\_\_ Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for further consideration and consultation.

Rejection:

\_\_\_\_\_ I decline acceptance of this item for the following reason:

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