

## Academic Misconduct Frequently Asked Questions

### Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

#### Student Conduct & Community Standards

**Where are the policies and procedures located for academic conduct issues?** The procedure for *Student Academic Misconduct Cases* can be found online within the University Rules and Procedures section 13.02.99.C0.04. Additionally, The *Student Code of Conduct* provides definitions and specific code sections to address issues of alleged misconduct. The *Student Code of Conduct* can be found online on the Student Conduct & Community Standards website.

**What does an instructor do if they think a student may have violated the Student Code of Conduct in regards to academic misconduct?** The instructor may fill out an Academic Misconduct Incident Form, provide a time to meet with the student to give them an opportunity to respond to the allegations and then submit the form to the Student Conduct & Community Standards.

**What happens if a student violates the code?** The professor has several options for sanctions within the class including, but not limited to: written reprimand, re-do the work in question, submission of additional work, lowering of the grade on the assignment in question, grade of “F” for the work in question and grade of “F” for the course in question. Additionally, the professor may refer the student to the Academic Integrity Hearing for formal sanctioning beyond the course in question.

**What happens once Student Conduct & Community Standards receives the report?** The designated appointee will review the report and taking into consideration the student’s response to the allegation, any prior history of academic misconduct and the instructor’s recommendation will determine the proper course of action. The case may simply be kept on file or referred to the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel, depending on the situation.

**What happens during an Academic Integrity Hearing?** During the hearing both the instructor and the student along with any witnesses will have the opportunity to speak with hearing panel about the incident in question. The hearing body will also ask questions of all involved to attempt to fully understand the situation and make an informed decision regarding the outcome.

**What if the student would like to appeal the decision of the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel?** An appeal must be made in writing to the Office to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs within ten business days after receiving the report of the decision by the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel. An appeal must be confined to one or more of three specific matters including 1) the procedures followed in the process; 2) new facts unknown to the appellant at the time of the hearing; and 3) sanction imposed which is disproportionate to the misconduct at issue.

For any additional questions regarding Academic Misconduct please contact the Associate Dean of Students or the Student Conduct Officer at 361.825.6219