

For Academic Forum – August 29, 2018

Academic Integrity at WSU

Starting this Fall, the University has a new procedure in place for addressing violations of academic integrity. Several factors led to this new process, including the need to make sure students' rights were upheld with systematic notification of their right to appeal, the desire to reduce repeat offenses of the academic code, and the need to simplify the process across all colleges.

In all situations when an instructor believes a student has violated the academic integrity policy (including plagiarism, cheating, and other violations), the instructor has the right to impose sanctions that they believe are appropriate based on the evidence. These should be in line with guidelines established in the instructor's syllabus. In all cases where a sanction is imposed, the instructor must report the violation and sanction through an online reporting form. (If a sanction is not imposed, reporting is optional but encouraged).

When a violation is reported, it goes to Kyle Wilson, Assoc. Director of Student Conduct in Student Affairs. Kyle has a standard notice that he sends to students letting them know that a violation has been reported and that they have the right to a hearing.

If a student chooses to request a hearing, the Academic Integrity committee is convened to hear these cases. The committee is composed of 3 faculty and 2 students appointed by the Faculty Senate and SGA. There is an appeal process, but *only* for cases where new evidence is available or for procedural irregularities.

Student Conduct will monitor reports for repeated offenses and bring these to the Academic Integrity committee for consideration of additional sanctions should they be merited.

The full policy and procedure details, as well as the online reporting form are available:
https://www.wichita.edu/about/student_conduct/AcademicDishonesty.php

Questions can be directed to: Linnea GlenMaye, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs or Kyle Wilson, Associate Director of Student Conduct in Student Affairs