

Graduate Honor System Facilitated Discussion

Purpose:

- Provide an alternative and faster way to resolve cases if certain conditions are met:
 - o Referrer must be faculty
 - o Student cannot be on GHS probation at the time of referral
 - o Suspected violation is cheating or plagiarism
 - o Student(s) and faculty are interested in resolving the case with the assistance of a GHS representative
 - o Faculty referrer accepts limitations on range of possible penalties
- Empower participants and encourage dialogue about academic integrity

Determination of guilt or innocence and penalty, if applicable, require the agreement of all parties, including the GHS facilitator.

Composition: Referrer, referred student(s), and assigned GHS facilitator.

Order of Events for Facilitated Discussion:

1. Introductions.
2. Review of referral and GHS constitution definitions of cheating or plagiarism.
3. The referrer(s) is asked to explain reason for referral and to provide any evidence.
4. The referred student(s) is asked to comment on the incident and provide any evidence.
5. With the aid of the GHS Facilitator, the referred student(s) and the referrer(s) engage in dialogue to uncover all relevant details.
6. When all facts and perspectives have been shared, the Facilitator asks the referred student(s) if they accept responsibility for the suspected violation, and whether the referrer agrees with the student's statement.
7. If there is agreement between the referrer and the referred on
 - a. the student not having committed a violation, the decision is recorded.
 - b. guilt, a penalty is discussed.
8. If there is agreement about the penalty, the decision is recorded.
9. If there is disagreement about whether a violation occurred or about a penalty, the inability to come to agreement is recorded and signed by all participants.
10. The record of the FD is submitted to the GHS.
11. If there was agreement among all participants, a letter is issued with the final disposition of the case, and, if applicable, the penalty is implemented.
12. If there was no agreement among all participants, the case is assigned to an Associate Chair for evidence gathering and panel review.