



**Graduate Honor System**

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## Graduate Honor System Appeal Form

Graduate students found guilty of an honor system violation may appeal the decision on grounds of:

- 1) failure of the Graduate Honor System to follow proper procedures
- 2) introduction of new evidence, and/or
- 3) severity of the penalty

by submitting appeal form and all supporting documentation within five (5) university business days after receiving written notification of the verdict.

**Name of student appealing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GHS case number:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Reason(s) for appeal:**       failure of the GHS to follow proper procedures  
 (Check all that apply)       introduction of new evidence  
     severity of the penalty

On additional pages, respond in detail to the following question(s) as applicable for the basis of your appeal and submit at the above address along with this form.

- 1. In what way did the Graduate Honor System fail to follow proper procedures? Please provide details with references to sections of the GHS constitution that describe the process.
- 2. Do you have any significant and relevant new information or evidence that was **not available** at the time of the interviews or judicial panel hearing, and which might change the outcome? What is that information or evidence?
- 3. Is the penalty unduly harsh and/or arbitrary? If so, how?

**Statement of understanding by appealing student:**

All the information to be considered in my appeal is summarized in the attached page(s). I understand that an Appellate Officer of the university will review my appeal form and the entire record for the case. I further understand that after reviewing the case and depending upon all information and demonstrated grounds for the appeal, the official may: (1) uphold the original finding and sanction; (2) dismiss the case; (3) decrease the original sanction; (4) return the case to the GHS for a re-hearing. I understand that the decision of the Appellate Officer will be final and I will be informed of this decision in writing at the address below.

I have read and understand these terms of appeal.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please direct any questions to [ghs@vt.edu](mailto:ghs@vt.edu) or call (540) 231-4558.