

Graduate Honor System Review Panel

Purpose:

- Hear evidence gathered by the Associate Chair and personal testimonies of the referrer, referred, and witnesses.
- Assure that the rights of all parties are protected and due process is followed.
- Deliberate on and determine guilt or innocence and recommend a penalty, if applicable.
- Send recommendation to the Dean of the Graduate School, who makes the final decision regarding the case outcome.

Determination of guilt or innocence and penalty, if applicable, require a majority vote.

Composition: A minimum of four graduate students and three faculty members, the Chair, and the Graduate Honor System Advisor.

Voting Privileges: Both faculty (excluding GHS Advisor) and student members (excluding Chair).

Order of Events for Review Panel:

1. Recording begins.
2. Introductions.
3. The procedure of the Review Panel hearing is reviewed.
4. The evidence obtained during the investigation, including the original statement of the charge, is presented by a GHS representative (Chair, Associate Chair or designee).
5. Each of the referred is asked to enter a plea (guilty, not guilty, or no plea) for each charge.
6. The referrer(s) is asked to comment on the incident and may present witnesses.
7. The referred student(s) is asked to comment on the incident and may present witnesses.
8. The referred student(s) and the referrer(s) are questioned by the Review Panel. The referred student(s) and the referrer(s) may NOT practice cross-examination. Only the Review Panel and GHS personnel may ask questions.
9. The referrer(s) is asked to make a final statement.
10. The referred student(s) is asked to make a final statement.
11. The referrer(s) and the referred student(s) are dismissed from the hearing room.
12. The Chair stops the recording.
13. The panel goes into closed deliberation.
 - a. Guilt/Innocence: The panel must first determine guilt or innocence for each referred student. At the conclusion of the discussion on guilt vs. innocence, the Chair asks members of the panel, "Is the student guilty of the alleged violation?" A determination of guilt requires a majority vote by the panel. If a majority is not obtained, the student is found not guilty.
 - b. Penalty: If a guilty verdict is reached, the choice of penalty is discussed. Any panelist may move to recommend a particular penalty. Penalty recommendations also require a majority vote. Penalties are listed in Article VI: Section 1 of the GHS Constitution.
14. The panel is reminded of the strict confidentiality of the case, all confidential material is collected, and the panel is dismissed.
15. The panel's recommendation is forwarded to the Dean of the Graduate School for final decision.
16. The referred is notified of the outcome and his/her right to an appeal, if applicable. The referrer is copied on the decision.