

Academic Honesty



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Hearing Procedures

The Academic Honesty Committee is charged to administer and uphold the Student Academic Honesty Code for Auburn University and serve as neutral investigators of alleged Academic Honesty Code violations. The hearings of the Academic Honesty Committee are conducted in a professional manner but without undue formality. While a charge of academic dishonesty and violation of the Student Academic Honesty Code is a serious matter, the goal of the committee is to treat all participants with fairness and respect throughout the process.

Hearings will be held in Haley Center O316L. The professor and student will remain in the waiting room, Haley Center O316D, until called to appear before the committee.

1. All Academic Honesty Committee hearings will be closed with only the parties, their advisors, and committee members present; witnesses may be present for questioning as appropriate.

Each party shall have the right to present witnesses and evidence at a hearing and to be present during the presentation of other witnesses and evidence.

Although the parties may be accompanied by an advisor, each party is responsible for presenting his or her own information, and therefore, advisors are not permitted to participate directly in the hearing.

2. The faculty member chairperson, two additional faculty members and two student members will constitute a quorum.
3. At the beginning of the hearing, and prior to the appearance of the professor and student before the committee, committee members will review the relevant documents and materials relating to the case.
4. The professor and the student will then appear before the committee to be informed of the procedure – including the fact that the general proceedings will be recorded and that both parties have the right to be present throughout the committee hearing.
5. The professor will then present his/her evidence before the committee and answer the questions of committee members.
6. The student will then present his/her case and answer questions of the committee members.
7. The professor or the student may be asked to answer additional questions and to provide other information that the committee may require.
8. While the professor and the student wait outside the hearing room, the committee will deliberate and reach a decision sustaining either the professor's charge or absolving the student. A recommendation of sanction(s) will be made to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The determination of sanction(s) to be recommended is the sole prerogative of the committee.
9. A simple majority vote will sustain a finding.
10. The chairperson will vote in the event of a tie.
11. A committee member may submit a minority report should he wish to do so.
12. The professor and the student will return to the hearing room to hear the committee's decision and recommendation.
13. An Academic Honesty Committee hearing outcome letter which includes hearing findings, recommended sanction(s), and appeal information will be emailed to both the professor and student.