

Honor Council Advisory Board Report

2022 – 2023 Academic Year

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2022 – 2023 accomplishments

1. One of the biggest accomplishments this academic year was to catch up on the backlog of cases from the previous year.
2. We also updated and improved the “Letter of Investigation” that is sent out to any student who is being charged with a violation. The new letter more clearly explains student rights and adds more detail.
3. We added a tutorial video that is set to all student charged with a violation, which helps them better understand the Honor Council process.
4. We discussed best practices on storing and sharing Honor Code files. This has become more important as we are saving recorded hearings. No conclusions were drawn. We will look into this further next academic year.
5. The Honor Code quiz has been put back into the OneBook, and should be there to stay.
6. There was a discussion on what the council can do if faculty members don’t wish to cooperate in proceedings. While we have very little authority here, we can recognize that the faculty handbook seems to require faculty who want to bring charges to then fully cooperate. Also, we may want to notify that faculty member’s AUH.
7. We discussed more effective methods of “marketing” the honor code/council to students. Answers included asking faculty to add this information in their syllabi, and going into classes to “talk up” the Honor Code in person, especially to first-year students.
8. Voted (with Jack Knight’s approval) to add the follow amendment to the Honor Code:
 20. “Violating any part of the honor code while producing group work for academic credit. In instances where work submitted for academic credit is to be completed by a group within a class and not only by an individual, each group member is to be held accountable for their actions separately from one another. The evidence of an honor code violation within a group assignment or project submitted for academic credit cannot be used to penalize all members of a group as a singularly responsible unit. The level of responsibility and appropriate penalties for violations of the honor code in group work must be determined separately for each group member.”

9. Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Total formal cases - 15

Total informal cases - 88

Fall 2022

- 8 cases
 - Violation 8 (Falsification of class attendance)
 - Failing grade in the course
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop
 - Violation 4 (Rendering unauthorized assistance)
 - Failing grade on relevant assignment
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop
 - Violation 3 (Copying information during an exam)
 - Failing grade on relevant assignment
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop
 - Violation 3 (Copying information during an exam)
 - Failing grade in the course
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop
 - Violation 1 (Use of Unauthorized materials)
 - Student found not responsible
 - Violation 1 (Use of Unauthorized materials)
 - Failing grade in the course
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop
 - Violation 15 (Plagiarism)
 - Course grade reduced to D
 - Violation 18 (Violating terms of an Informal Agreement)
 - Failing grade in the course with transcript notation and no opportunity to retake the course
 - Suspension for the following semester
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop

Spring 2023

- 7 cases
 - 2 dismissed due to faculty on 1 year of leave
 - 5 hearings completed - 1 more scheduled
 - Violation 1 (Use of Unauthorized materials)
 - F on the relevant assignment
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop
 - Violation 1 (Use of Unauthorized materials)
 - Student found not responsible
 - Violation 15 (Plagiarism)
 - F on the relevant assignment
 - Violation 15 (Plagiarism)
 - Failing grade in the course
 - Violation 15 (Plagiarism)
 - Failing grade in the course with a transcript notation, with the opportunity to retake with repeat forgiveness
 - Suspension for the following semester
 - Mandatory completion of the Values in Action Workshop

10. To my knowledge, all members of the board will be returning for the 2021-2022 academic year. Also, new officers will be chosen for the executive board due to graduations. We may need a graduate student willing to serve on the board also if the current one graduates.