

Proposed Modifications to the Academic Freedom Report for Students

2.4.7.1 Either party to a grievance may appeal the decision of the college hearing board to the University Academic Integrity Review Board ~~only~~ in cases of a **failing or** penalty grade for academic dishonesty; cases involving alleged violations of regulations prohibiting academic dishonesty, violations of professional standards or falsifications of admission and academic records by undergraduate students which are referred for disciplinary action; or other grievances heard only at the college level. All grievances must be in writing. When the University Academic Integrity Review Board finds that such a violation of academic rights has occurred and that redress is possible, it shall direct that redress be provided. The responsible administrator, with the advice of the board, shall implement an appropriate remedy.

2.4.7.1.1 All appeals to the University Academic Integrity Review Board in cases of a **failing or** penalty grade for academic dishonesty must specify the alleged defects in the substance and/or procedures of the previous adjudication(s) in sufficient particularity to justify further proceedings.

2.4.8 If a student is accused of academic dishonesty and is referred for judicial action, and if a disciplinary sanction is not held to be supported by the preponderance of evidence as required in [Article 4](#), the student may appeal a **failing or** penalty grade received in the case to the department/school hearing board as indicated in [2.4.9](#).

2.4.9 A student who receives a **failing or** penalty grade based upon a charge of academic dishonesty, even if not referred for disciplinary action, may seek a hearing according to the procedures in this Article. In such a hearing, the burden of proof shall rest upon the instructor whose prior assignment of the **failing or** penalty grade will constitute a charge of academic dishonesty. The hearing board shall proceed in compliance with applicable academic legislation on the integrity of scholarship, grades, and professional standards, and the procedural and appeal provisions of this document shall apply.

8.1.15 Penalty Grade: A grade assigned by an instructor who believes a student to have committed academic dishonesty. **A penalty grade assigned for academic dishonesty may include the AD grade, which appears on the student transcript as a specific denotation of failure because of academic dishonesty.** If no disciplinary case is instituted against the student, the penalty grade may be appealed under [Section 2.4.9](#) above. If a disciplinary case is instituted and the

charge is held not to be supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the penalty grade may be appealed under [Section 2.4.8](#) above. In either such appeal of a penalty grade, the proceedings are non-disciplinary.