The Discipline Process: Academic Integrity Violations

This is not an official statement of The University of Texas at Austin's discipline policies and procedures. The official policies are stated in the General Information catalog, Appendix C, Chapter 11, available online at deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs.

If faculty member suspects academic dishonesty, s/he may proceed using either Option A or Option B:

- **Option A**: Faculty member meets with student
  - Faculty member may determine there is no finding of violation OR
  - Faculty member may determine that evidence supports a finding of violation. Student may choose not to dispute findings, waive hearing procedure, and accept a Faculty Disposition and sanction determined by faculty member OR
  - Faculty member may determine that evidence supports a finding of violation. The matter is then referred to the Office of the Dean of Students, and student is assigned an “Incomplete” until matter is resolved.

- **Option B**: Faculty member refers student to the Office of the Dean of Students (DoS)
  - DoS staff confers with student and faculty member, and, when appropriate, investigates the matter further.
  - DoS staff may determine there is no finding of violation OR
  - DoS staff may determine that evidence supports a finding of violation. Student may choose not to dispute findings, waive hearing procedure, and accept an Administrative Disposition and sanction determined by DoS staff OR
  - Student may elect to dispute the findings and have the matter heard and determined by either a hearing officer or by a panel of the Student Conduct Board.

**Faculty Disposition**
- Form signed by both parties and forwarded to the Office of the Dean of Students.
- DoS staff reviews the matter to determine whether an additional sanction is warranted and, if so, assesses an additional sanction.
- Within 14 days of accepting Faculty Disposition, student may appeal sanction to the University president. OR
- Otherwise, the decision is final.

**Administrative Disposition**
- Within 14 days of accepting Administrative Disposition, student may appeal sanction to the University president.
- Otherwise, the decision is final.

**Appeal to University President on SANCTION ONLY**
- Administrative or Faculty Disposition appeals are limited to the issue of sanction. President may uphold, increase or lessen sanction.

**Hearing Officer OR Student Conduct Board**
- As a result of a hearing, the case may be dismissed, or the student may be found in violation of Institutional Rules and an appropriate sanction imposed.
- Within 14 days of the Hearing Officer’s or the Student Conduct Board’s decision, student may appeal both findings and sanctions to University president.

**Appeal to University President on BOTH FINDINGS AND SANCTION**
- University president may approve, reject or modify the decision.

Records kept on file in the Office of the Dean of Students.