

**President's Honor System Review/Advisory Committee  
Proposed Redrafted Honor Code, Executive Summary, March 2013**

This proposed redraft of the Honor Code preserves much of the original version, but in a new structure. It also includes a large number of clarifications and substantive changes: many (if not all) of the latter are summarized below, with the most significant new elements appearing in ***bold italics***.

Section I. Purpose

- Action should be taken when the Code is violated, even if failing to act is not a violation.
- Faculty may take reasonable precautions to deter violations from occurring

Section II. Authority

- The Code applies to lying, stealing or cheating that adversely affects the College community
- Cases that violate either/both the Honor and Conduct system may be dealt with under the latter

Section III. Definitions

- Unsuccessful efforts to violate the Code may be treated the same way as completed violations
- Conduct too minimal to affect the community is deemed inconsequential (formerly “trivial”)
- Proving an act intentional need not require proving that the resulting harm was intended
- Reporting parties (formerly “accusers”) need not have witnessed/been affected by a violation

Section IV. Administrative Procedures

- The manner of selecting/removing each Council's members is determined by a governing body in that school; the undergraduate body (formerly the Council) is the Student Assembly Senate
- ***A student/faculty/administrative committee (HSAC) will review/approve amendments, set sanction levels, issue guidance, hear grievances, publish case outcomes and assess climate***

Section V. Rights and Duties

- Respondents (formerly “accused”) have the right to request recusal of a Council member to avoid bias/conflict of interest, to seek separate hearings, and to request open hearings
- Faculty reporting parties have the right to protect their work product, to request not to be evaluated by a respondent, to be free from harassment, and to be informed of case outcomes
- ***Students with disabilities have the right to reasonable accommodations***

## Section VI. Honor Code Violations

- Significant misappropriated material resulting from improper procedure may be plagiarism
- Minimal misappropriated material due to improper procedure may fall outside the Code

## Section VII. Reporting Violations

- Academic violations must be reported within 30 days of discovery, others within four months

## Section VIII. Optional Early Resolution Procedures

- *A faculty member and student by mutual consent may resolve Level I/II violations directly*
- *Level I cases resolved early result in a grade penalty and educational requirement only*
- *Level II violations resolved early result in a grade penalty and a sanction hearing*

## Section IX. Honor Council Resolution Procedures

- A respondent who accepts a Council investigation's results may proceed directly to sanctioning
- Information not from a first-hand source (formerly "hearsay") may be considered in a hearing, but a finding of responsibility will not be based solely on such information

## Section X. Sanctions

- *Initial sanction levels for each type of violation will be set by HSAC and each Council*
- *Initial presumptive sanctions for undergraduates are a) an educational requirement (Level I violations), b) probation (Level II violations) and c) separation (Level III violations)*
- Final sanctions are decided by hearing panels based on mitigating/aggravating circumstances
- Faculty retain the final decision regarding any grading penalty assessed for a violation.

## Section XI. Post-Hearing Review Procedures

- The Dean of Students may direct a new hearing in cases of discrimination or procedural error

## Section XII. Appeals Procedures

- Provost may direct a new hearing if it can correct procedural error or dismiss a case if it can not

## Section XIII. Amendments

- *Amendments to procedural sections (Sections IV, VIII-IX, XI-XII) are approved by HSAC*
- *Amendments to core Code provisions (e.g. rights) require approval of the governing bodies*