

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES FOR DOWNGRADING A STUDENT FOR ACADEMIC MISBEHAVIOR

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10.1 ACADEMIC MISBEHAVIOR – PRELIMINARY PROCEDURE

- a) When a faculty member is persuaded that academic misbehavior has occurred, the faculty member may, without filing a charge, adjust the grade downward (including downgrading to a failing grade) for the test, paper, or other course-related activity in question, or for the entire course. In such instances, the faculty member shall either orally notify the student (or each of the students, if more than one student is involved), in the presence of the department or unit head, of the downgrading and the reason(s) for it, or provide the notice by first-class mail as provided in Section 6.0, with a copy to the department or unit head. If the faculty member provides oral notice to the student, the faculty member shall provide the department or unit head with a written statement of the action taken. In any case, the faculty member shall provide the student with a copy of this Section 10.1 and a copy of the memorandum prepared by the Ombudsperson, explaining the Ombudsperson's role, referred to in Section 1.5. In the case of written notice, the copies shall be mailed with the notice. In the case of oral notice, the copies shall be hand delivered to the student in person, or mailed, within five school days.

The student may appeal the action by filing with the department or unit head a statement in writing, within ten school days of oral notice or postmark of the written notice. The department or unit head shall give the student an opportunity to appear personally before him/her within fifteen school days of the postmark of the student's statement, and shall notify the student of her/his decision, in writing, within ten school days of the opportunity for an appearance. In a departmentalized college where the unit head is not the Academic Dean, the student may appeal to the Academic Dean, in writing, within ten school days of the postmark of the unit head's decision. Where the department or unit head is the faculty member, then, in a departmentalized college where the unit head is not the Academic Dean, the student may appeal directly to the Academic Dean, in writing, within ten school days of the oral notice or postmark of the written notice, from the faculty member. The Academic Dean shall notify the student of his/her decision within ten school days of the postmark of the student's appeal. The Academic Dean's decision shall be final. Where the Academic Dean is the faculty member, the student may appeal directly to the Provost, in writing, within ten school days of the oral notice or postmark of the written notice from the faculty member.

- b) If the faculty member in whose course the alleged infraction occurred perceives it as warranting discipline in addition to that provided for in Section (a) the faculty member may also file academic misbehavior charges with the Student Conduct Officer.