

Title: Academic Integrity Policy

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PURPOSE:

Rowan College at Burlington County is committed to maintaining a culture of academic integrity where members are expected to adhere to fundamental values in both academic and non-academic endeavors. For the purposes of this code, academic integrity is defined as a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to these fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. It is the belief of Rowan College at Burlington County that these values form principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action.

DEFINITIONS OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Instances of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- **Cheating:** The term “cheating” refers to using or attempting to use unauthorized technology, materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise, whether intentional or not. Cheating also includes the submission of the same written work in more than one course without prior written approval from both instructors.
- **Fabrication or other misconduct in research:** The term “fabrication” refers to unauthorized falsification or invention of any information (including research data) or any citation in any academic exercise. Fabrication also includes the manipulation or altering of research data to achieve a desired result and selective reporting, including the deliberate suppression of conflicting or unwanted data. “Misconduct in research” refers to any violation of ethical guidelines for attributing credit and authorship in research endeavors, non-compliance with established research policies or other violations of ethical research practice.

- **Plagiarism:** The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the use by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work or sections of a work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment, whether intentional or not. This includes any material copied directly or paraphrased from the Internet. Plagiarism also constitutes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials, including material taken from or ordered through the Internet.
- **Facilitating academic dishonesty:** Assisting or attempting to assist another person to violate any provision of the Academic Integrity Policy, whether or not that action is associated with any particular course, is considered academic dishonesty.

HEARINGS, SANCTIONS and APPEALS: The process for addressing academic dishonesty follows the current Code of Conduct procedures for hearings and sanctions. Sanctions for students found responsible for an academic integrity violation can range from in-class penalties imposed by the instructor to dismissal from the College for repeated offenses. Appeals for sanctions imposed at the classroom level are addressed to the Academic Dean. Appeals for hearing outcomes or sanctions imposed by the Code of Conduct Hearing Board follow the published procedure for the Student Code of Conduct.

President

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Chairman

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