

# **Resolution to Support the Definitions of Plagiarism and Cheating in the new Student Code of Conduct**

Faculty Senate  
Educational Policy and Student Affairs  
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*Whereas* Ohio University holds as its central purpose the intellectual and personal development of its students, and the mission of the faculty in teaching is to foster analytical skills, critical thinking, creative growth and effective communication in student research and creative activity;

*whereas* some students in a variety of ways may seek to avoid the personal effort involved in reaching these goals,

*and whereas* in the revised Student Code of Conduct, the section on plagiarism and academic misconduct has been revised by EPSA and the director of the Office of Community Standards and Student Responsibilities in collaboration,

*Be it resolved* that the Faculty Senate accept and support the proposed definitions of types of plagiarism and cheating.

*Proposed Student Code of Conduct language:*

## **1. Academic Misconduct**

- a. Plagiarism: Using another's work, in whole or in part, without acknowledging the source and presenting that material as one's own academic work. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Reproducing another person's work, whether published or unpublished (this also includes using materials from companies that sell research papers)
  - ii. Using another's ideas or written words without properly acknowledging the source:
    - A. Quoting a source word for word without providing quotation marks and-citations.
    - B. Copying words or ideas from a source without appropriate citations.
  - iii. Submitting work that is substantially identical to another source in content and/or organization without appropriately citing the source.
  - iv. Using other intellectual property in a work without appropriate citations, permissions, or rights (when applicable). Intellectual property includes but is not limited to images, videos, software programs, computer code, or pieces of music.
- b. Cheating: Any attempt by a student to answer questions on a test, quiz, or assignment by means other than his or her own knowledge, without authorization from the instructor resulting in unfair academic advantage. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Using the textbook or other materials, such as a notebook, not authorized for use during an examination.

- ii. Using technology (i.e. cell phones, laptop computers, social media, text messages, etc.) to aid in the completion of work when not permitted to do so.
- iii. Observing or copying the work of another student or allowing another student to plagiarize, copy, or observe one's own work.
- iv. Using unauthorized material during a test, notes, formula lists, notes written on clothing, etc.
- v. Taking a quiz, exam, or similar evaluation in place of another person.
- vi. Providing or requesting assistance from another person in a manner prohibited by the instructor.
- vii. Using a laboratory, computer, or calculator inappropriately or without authorization.
- viii. Changing material on a graded exam and then requesting a re-grading of the exam.
- ix. Acquiring unauthorized knowledge of an examination or any part of an examination.
- x. Signing in any person other than one's self for class attendance.
- c. Multiple Submissions: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record.
- d. Fabrication or Falsification: Knowingly using and/or presenting invented or fabricated information, falsified research, or other findings.
- e. Misrepresentation: Misrepresenting facts in an attempt to gain an academic advantage. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - i. Providing false or misleading information in an attempt to receive an extension or postponement of a test, quiz, or other assignment
  - ii. Providing false or misleading information in an attempt to receive a re-take of an exam or a re-submission of an assignment
  - iii. Providing false or misleading information as part of an academic probation/dismissal appeal process.

*Note: An instructor may impose a grade penalty for academic misconduct and/or file a disciplinary referral.*