

# A Resolution on Academic Integrity

Ohio University Faculty Senate

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WHEREAS: Academic integrity serves as a foundation for Ohio University's mission as a Higher Education institution; and

WHEREAS: All educational institutions must take steps to educate and enforce standards of academic integrity; and,

WHEREAS: Research conducted at Ohio University has observed self-reported rates of academic misconduct approaching 45% of students surveyed in 2006, 22% in 2007, and 31% in 2008, respectively; and

WHEREAS: During the 2006-2007 academic year an Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Integrity, appointed by the Provost, drafted an Honor Code to serve as a mechanism through which members of the University community could discuss and learn about academic integrity; and

WHEREAS: In Spring of 2007 the Student Senate passes a resolution in support of the drafted Honor Code for Ohio University;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OHIO UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE: That the Honor Code should be adopted as a guiding principle for Ohio University's efforts to promote academic integrity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Provost's office should take all prudent steps to disseminate the Honor Code to the University community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the administration should take steps to continue collecting yearly data on academic misconduct/integrity topics and report the results of such efforts to the campus community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Provost and other appropriate members of the University Community should provide yearly reports to the Faculty Senate on efforts to promote academic integrity at the University.

## Ohio University Honor Code

*Ohio University values integrity. Students, faculty, administrators, and staff have a shared responsibility to embrace the pursuit of learning and to foster a commitment to academic integrity.*

*Academic integrity is the foundation of all activities that promote learning, including critical and imaginative thinking, discovery of knowledge, and expressions of creativity. Academic integrity also entails refraining from plagiarism, cheating, or dishonesty that undermines the academic values of the university.*