Academic Misconduct Investigation
Process at UW-Whitewater
Chapter 14

1. Instructor suspects student of academic misconduct and requests a face to face meeting with the student

Instructor checks with the DOS office to see if the student has a history of academic misconduct

2. Instructor meets with student to review allegation. Accused student is given an opportunity to respond to allegation

Not responsible. Instructor determines that academic misconduct did NOT occur and notifies student that no violation was found. Case closed.

Responsible. Instructor determines that academic misconduct did occur and selects a sanction from Group A or B, or recommends a sanction from group C. Instructor sends a written findings letter to the student and Dean of Students Office. (see a sample letter on our website)

Group A Sanctions
(Not reported to the DOS Office)
- Oral reprimand
- Written reprimand
- Assignment to repeat the work

Process complete. Student has a right to an appeal within 10 days

Group B Sections
(Reported to the DOS Office)
- Lower or failing grade on assignment/test
- Lower grade in course
- Failing grade in course
- Removal from course
- Disciplinary Probation
- Written reprimand in disciplinary file

Instructor prepares and delivers a written report with the following:
1. A description of the academic misconduct
2. Specification of the sanctions recommended
3. Notice of the students right to request a hearing
4. A copy of UWS Chapter 14

Process complete. Student has the right to appeal within 10 days

Group C Sanctions
(Reported to the DOS Office)
- Disciplinary probation
- Suspension
- Expulsion

Instructor prepares a written report for the investigating officer in the DOS
1. A description of the misconduct
2. Specifications of the sanction recommended

The Investigating Officer will determine if misconduct occurred, conduct an investigation, and recommend one of the following:

No misconduct, process complete. The student and instructor will be notified of the outcome.

Misconduct occurred, IO continues with Chapter 14.07(5) process.
If a hearing is scheduled, the instructor will be asked to attend.