

To: Fort Wayne Senate
From: Educational Policy Committee and Rules Committee
Date: November 22, 1992
Subject: Proposed amendments to the IPFW academic regulations and procedures (SD 85-18)—Changes in procedures for reporting academic dishonesty

Whereas, The Trustees of Purdue University have approved an *IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* ("The Code"); and

Whereas, The Code provides in V.B. that "In case of any conflict or inconsistencies with any other rules, regulations, directives, or policies now existing, these regulations shall govern";

Be It Resolved, That the IPFW Academic Regulations and Procedures (SD 85-18) be amended as shown below to bring this document into conformance with the provisions of The Code:

Text of The Code

III.A.2.a. An instructor who has information that a student enrolled in a course being conducted by the instructor has committed an act of academic misconduct related to that course is required to hold an informal conference with the student concerning the matter within 10 class days of discovering the alleged misconduct. The faculty member must advise the student of the alleged act of misconduct and the information upon which the allegation is based.

III.A.2.b. If the instructor concludes that the student did commit the act of misconduct as alleged, the instructor is authorized to impose an appropriate academic sanction related to the particular course involved. An appropriate academic sanction for such misconduct may include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

[List of sanctions appears here.]

III.A.2.c. After imposing an academic sanction, the instructor is required to report the matter and action taken within 10 class days in writing to the student, the chair of the student's department, the dean or director of the student's school or division, and the dean of students.

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4.3.1. Initial decision. An instructor who has evidence of cheating shall initiate the process of determining the student's guilt or innocence and the penalty, if any, to be imposed. An instructor shall make initial findings only after informing the student **during an informal conference held within 10 class days of discovering the alleged cheating** of charges and evidence, and allowing the student to present a defense. The instructor ~~shall~~ **may** assign a grade of incomplete to any student whose case cannot be ~~fully~~ resolved before the course grades are due in the Registrar's Office.

4.3.2. Reporting. During the period in which the student is permitted to drop courses, the instructor shall inform the Registrar promptly of any allegation of cheating, so that an accused student will not be permitted to withdraw from the course.

The instructor who makes an initial finding that academic dishonesty has been practiced shall ~~provide a timely, confidential report to the Dean of the Faculty~~ **impose an academic sanction. Then, within 10 class days, the instructor shall supply a written report to the student, the chair of the student's department, the dean or director of the student's school or division, and the dean of students.** This report shall summarize the evidence and the penalties assessed.

Text of The Code

III.A.2.d. If the student's course grade is affected by the sanction, the student has the right to appeal the academic sanction imposed by an instructor through the IPFW grade appeals system. (See IPFW Academic Regulations—Grade Appeals.)

III.A.2.e. A student may not be placed on disciplinary probation or suspended or expelled from IPFW or a school or division within IPFW because of an act of academic misconduct unless the dean of students concludes that such a sanction is justified by the nature of the act or because the student has committed previous acts of misconduct.

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4.3.3. ~~Appeal. No penalty other than the award of a grade of incomplete (with its potential consequent effects on enrollment in subsequent courses) shall be imposed until the completion of an appeal or the expiration of the time limits for a potential appeal, except that the Registrar shall not permit a course withdrawal or issue a diploma or degree to a student against whom charges are pending. . . .~~

~~When an instructor and a student cannot agree on the facts pertaining to a charge and on the penalties to be assessed, the student may request that the issue be heard in accordance with the academic appeals policy in Appendix B [IPFW Grade Appeals Policy, SD 82-2, as Amended].~~ **If a student's course grade is affected by the penalty, the student has the right to appeal the penalty imposed by an instructor through the IPFW grade appeals system. (See Appendix B [IPFW Grade Appeals Policy, SD 82-2, as Amended]).**