Academic Honesty

All students have an obligation to behave honorably and to respect the highest ethical standards in carrying out their academic assignments. Academic dishonesty is defined to include any form of cheating and/or plagiarism. Disciplinary sanctions, including lowered or failing grade, probation, or dismissal, may be administered in cases involving academic dishonesty or falsification of academic information. All allegations of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Provost. In clear-cut cases, such as documented plagiarism, the Provost may offer a summary judgment, which will include sanction or mediation designed to bring the matter to a conclusion. In a case that has received summary judgment, the student may appeal the decision to the Dean’s Council. Also, the Provost may elect to bring the case directly to the Dean’s Council. The Council consists of three faculty members, who, along with the Provost and the Dean of Students, will conduct a hearing and render an opinion. The decision of the Dean’s Council will be final.