

FACULTY SENATE

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE BILL 24-A-XX

Approved by the Faculty Senate
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BRIEF SUMMARY: This bill removes the policy for “Academic Honesty” from the Faculty Senate Handbook and links to the appropriate page on the Dean of Student’s website.

REVISING “ACADEMIC HONESTY” POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED: Subject to the passage and approval of this bill and its companion bill 24-A-XX, the policy portion of “Academic Honesty” in Chapter 5 of the *Faculty Handbook* will be replaced by this bill.

1 Academic honesty is one of the most important practices influencing the character and vitality
2 of an educational institution. Academic misconduct, also known as academic dishonesty, is
3 inconsistent with membership in an academic community and cannot be accepted. Violations of
4 academic honesty represent a serious breach of discipline and may be considered grounds for
5 disciplinary action, including dismissal from the University. ~~The full policy is available in the~~
6 ~~“Academic Honesty” portion of the Undergraduate Bulletin available at [semo.edu/student-](http://semo.edu/student-support/academic-support/registrar/bulletin/policies.html#academic-honesty)~~
7 ~~[support/academic-support/registrar/bulletin/policies.html#academic-honesty](http://semo.edu/student-support/academic-support/registrar/bulletin/policies.html#academic-honesty)~~
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9 ~~—Academic dishonesty is defined to include those acts, which would deceive, cheat, or defraud,~~
10 ~~resulting in the promotion or enhancement of one’s scholastic record. Knowingly or actively~~
11 ~~assisting any person in the commission of any of the above mentioned act is also academic~~
12 ~~dishonesty.~~

13 ~~—Students are responsible for upholding the principles of academic honesty as found in the~~
14 ~~“Statement of Student Rights” in the Student Handbook and in “Academic Policies and~~
15 ~~Procedures” section of the Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins. The University requires that~~
16 ~~all assignments submitted by students be the work of the individual student submitting the work.~~
17 ~~An exception would be group projects assigned by the instructor; in this situation, the work must~~
18 ~~be that of the group. Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism and cheating which are~~
19 ~~individually described as follows:-~~

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21 *Plagiarism:-*

22 ~~—In speaking or writing, plagiarism is the act of claiming someone else’s work as one’s own.~~
23 ~~This includes paraphrasing without crediting the original source. If there is any doubt, the student~~
24 ~~should consult their instructor or any manual of term paper or report writing. Violations of~~
25 ~~academic honesty by plagiarism include, but are not limited to:-~~

- 26 ~~1. Presenting the exact words of a source without quotation marks and/or proper~~
27 ~~attribution;~~
28 ~~2. Using another’s intellectual property such as computer source code, algorithm, laboratory~~
29 ~~report, or creative works;~~
30 ~~3. Presenting information, images, judgments, ideas, or facts summarized from a source~~
31 ~~without proper attribution; or~~
32 ~~4. Self-plagiarism, using work previously submitted for an assignment for a different~~
33 ~~assignment without proper attribution and instructor approval.~~

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35 *~~Cheating:-~~*

36 ~~—Cheating includes using or relying on the work of someone else in an inappropriate manner or~~
37 ~~contributing to another’s work in a likewise manner. It includes, but is not limited to, those~~
38 ~~activities where a student:-~~

- 39 ~~1. Obtains or attempts to obtain unauthorized knowledge of an examination’s contents prior~~
40 ~~to the time of that examination;~~
41 ~~2. Copies another student’s work or intentionally allows others to copy one’s own~~
42 ~~assignments, examinations, source codes, or other intellectual property;~~
43 ~~3. Works in a group when they have been told to work individually or solicits someone else~~
44 ~~to complete an assignment in part or in whole;~~
45 ~~4. Uses unauthorized reference material or electronic devices during an examination;~~
46 ~~5. Has someone else take an examination or takes the examination for another;~~
47 ~~6. Logs into another student’s account or allows another person to log into one’s account.~~
48 ~~This includes any account associated with the course including, but not limited to, the~~
49 ~~University’s learning management system and publisher’s electronic course resource.~~

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51 *~~General Responsibilities for Academic Honesty-~~*

52 ~~—It is the Provost’s responsibility to ensure that both students and faculty have access to~~
53 ~~accurate information about their rights and responsibilities regarding academic honesty and~~
54 ~~dishonesty. The faculty member is responsible for informing students of the standards of honesty~~
55 ~~for the course’s examinations and assignments. Sanctions for violations of academic honesty will~~
56 ~~be listed in the course syllabus.~~

57 ~~—The course syllabus will include a grade sanction policy. Sanctions may include but are not~~
58 ~~limited to: require the student to redo the work, fail the student on the work, require the student~~
59 ~~to receive additional instruction regarding academic honesty as provided by the University~~
60 ~~Library, Writing Center, or other University resources, or a referral to the Dean of Students.~~
61 ~~Only the Dean of Students and the Office of Student Conduct may permanently remove a student~~
62 ~~from a course or suspend or expel a student from the University.~~

63 ~~—The fundamental responsibility for upholding the standards of academic honesty rests upon~~
64 ~~the student. It is the student’s responsibility to be familiar with, and abide by, the University~~
65 ~~policy on academic honesty at all times and in all situations.~~

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