

Graduate Honor System Annual Report AY 1999-00 – 2004-05

The Graduate School provides support to the Graduate Honor System through a faculty advisor, administrative assistance, and covering all printing and mailing costs. The Constitution of the Graduate Honor System is included in the Graduate Catalog which is available online and in print to all graduate students.

The Chief Justices of the Graduate Honor System participate in the Graduate School orientation for new students each Fall by discussing the tenets of the honor system, and providing printed materials describing the functions and operations of the GHS. On several occasions a chief justice traveled to the National Capital Region to address students on that campus. Print materials were also requested of and sent to the Southwest Virginia Center each year. Several faculty also requested presentations about the Graduate Honor System for their classes and this was performed by the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justices held training sessions several times each year to enlist student and faculty panelists. All panels are comprised of faculty members and graduate students. Panelists represent all colleges and generally serve for three years. Panelists serve on the Investigative Board, which determines whether there is sufficient evidence to support the charges against a student to send the case forward, and on the Judicial Panel, which hears the case and recommends to the Graduate School dean either a guilty verdict and penalty or a not guilty verdict. The Graduate School dean assigns the penalty. All matters that come before the panels are kept confidential. Student panelists do not serve on panels where the referred student is in the same department.

Case referrals can be made by any member of the academic community. A standard case referral form was created in 1999 and is available online at the GHS website. The referrer and student are advised of their rights and are offered counseling by the GHS advisor. Accused students can also enlist other students or faculty as advisors.

The Chief Justice is appointed by the president at the recommendation of a nominating committee. The Chief Justice is a graduate student who generally serves a one-or-two-year term. Chief Justices from 1999 to 2005 were:

1998-1999	Barbara Fraticelli
2000-2002	Nerraj (Jay) Khare
2002-2003	Brian Johnson
2003-2005	Greg Lemmond
2005-2006	Brian Whitaker

Cases that are referred to the Graduate Honor System are assigned to an investigator who is a graduate student selected and trained by the Chief Justice and faculty advisor to the Graduate Honor System. The investigator is not assigned to any case that involves a student in the same department as the investigator. There are usually three active investigators each year who serve an average term of two years. Investigators from 1999-2005 were:

1999-2000	Jay Khare
1999-2001	Rusty Baldwin
1999-2001	Marquea King
1999-2002	Greg Lemmond
2001-2002	Chris Heine
2001-2002	Brian Johnson
2001-2002	Kevin Seavy
2002-2003	Patrick Johnson
2002-2003	Theresa Enyeart
2002-2003	Jay Khare
2002-2005	Melinda Pomeroy
2003-2005	Chris Cassino
2004-2006	Patrice Esson
2005-2006	Greg Lemmond
2005-2006	Vineet Jolly

Cases that were referred to the Graduate Honor System from AY 1999 to 2004-05 and their outcomes are shown in the table below.

**Graduate Honor System Referral and Outcome Report
AY 1999-00 – 2004-05**

AY	No. of cases	No. of students referred	Type of Violations	Case Outcome	Dept. of Referred Students
2004-05	8	8	6 charges - Plagiarism 2 charges - Falsification	8 Students – guilty: 1 student - Penalty 1 a,b 2 students - Penalty 1 a,b,d 1 student - Penalty 1 a,b,e 2 students - Penalty 1 a,b,c,d 1 student - Penalty 1 a,b,c,d,e 1 student - Penalty 3	Aerospace Engineering Animal & Poultry Science Plant Pathology & Weed Sci. Education – Teaching & Learning Industrial & Systems Eng. Urban Affairs & Planning
2003-04	6	8	4 charges - Plagiarism 4 charges - Cheating	8 students – guilty: 3 students - Penalty 1 a,b 1 student - Penalty 1 a,b,c 2 students - Penalty 1 a,b,d 2 students - Penalty 1 a,b,c,d,e	Accounting & Info Sys Aerospace Engineering Political Science Statistics Urban Affairs & Planning
2002-03	21	30	9 charges - Plagiarism 21 charges - Cheating	6 students – not guilty 2 students – case dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence to support charges 22 students guilty: 7 students- Penalty 1 a,b 3 students - Penalty 1 a,b,c 4 students - Penalty 1 a,b,c,d 2 students - Penalty 1 a,b,c,d,e 4 student - Penalty 1 a,b,d 1 student - Penalty 1 a,b,e 1 student - Penalty 3	Accounting & Info System Business Information Technology Chemistry Civil & Environmental Eng. Communication Studies Computer Science Electrical & Computer Eng. Industrial & Systems Eng. Public Adm. & Policy Analysis Statistics
2001-02	14	33	1 charge – Plagiarism 32 charges - Cheating	14 students – not guilty 6 students – case dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence to support charges 13 students guilty: 6 students – Penalty 1 a,b 1 students – Penalty 1 a,b,c,d 4 students – Penalty 1 a,b,d 2 students – Penalty 1 a,b,f	Aerospace Engineering Computer Science Electrical & Computer Eng. Industrial & Systems Eng. Sociology
2000-01	10	20	18 charges – Cheating 1 Charge – Falsification 1 Charge – Probation Violation	3 students – not guilty 2 students – case dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence to support charges 15 students guilty: 5 students – Penalty 1 a,b 1 student – Penalty 1 a,b,c,d 7 students – Penalty 1 a,b,d 2 students – Penalty 4	Computer Science Education Curr. & Instruction Electrical & Computer Eng. Industrial & Systems Eng.
1999-00	20	42	22 charges – Cheating 18 charges – Plagiarism 1 charge – Falsification 1 charge – Sabotage	13 students – not guilty 13 students – case dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence to support charges 16 students guilty: 13 students – Penalty 1 (various parts) 1 student – Penalty 2 2 students – Penalty 3	Aerospace Eng. Civil & Environmental Eng. Computer Science Electrical and Computer Eng. Finance & Business Law Horticulture Industrial & Systems Eng.

Penalty 1- a)probation; b) grade of zero on assignment; c)record of action kept in student's folder; d) attend meeting with Chief Justice/Graduate Dean; e) perform community service; f) probation note to appear on transcript; g) grade of F for the course
Penalty 2- Suspension in Abeyance – a) accused may complete semester; b) grade of F for course; c) suspended for up to two successive semesters; d) note of suspension on permanent record; e) probation following suspension
Penalty 3 – Suspension
Penalty 4 – Permanent Dismissal