



Faculty Senate

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE APPROVED TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY (25/5)

WHEREAS, The academic integrity process is crucial for educating students at the George Washington University;

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate praises faculty, students, and staff who participate in academic integrity panels, which are essential to a successful, community-driven process;

WHEREAS, the current Code of Academic Integrity requires two faculty to serve as panelists for each case;

WHEREAS, the number of faculty serving on these panels has significantly declined over time;

WHEREAS, convening a panel is a logistical challenge as it requires a three-hour overlap in the schedules of the faculty panelists, student panelists, staff, the instructor of record, and the respondent;

WHEREAS, the Spring 2024 semester continued to see a marked increase in cases;

WHEREAS, the growing case load and declining number of panelists continue to present challenges for scheduling cases in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate continues to strongly urge the Provost Office to recruit faculty for the University Integrity and Conduct Council in order to ensure student success;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

That the text in Appendix A (“Redline of Current Addendum”) replace the current Addendum. This change extends the current Addendum for an additional year. It also adds the following new provision to the addendum, also to last one year.

If there is a concern for a student’s academic progression (course prerequisites, impending graduation, etc.), that is being held up by a pending AI case, CESA, at the discretion of the Director or designee, can convene an ad-hoc panel of at least one student and one faculty member, in order to bring a case to a more timely resolution and minimize long term academic impact.

This should be implemented effective as soon as possible if approved by all needed entities (including the Faculty Senate, the Student Association Senate, and the University President).

Educational Policy & Technology Committee
December 13, 2024

Adopted by the Faculty Senate
January 10, 2025

Appendix A “Redline of Current Addendum”

“ADDENDUM:

Effective for all active cases (meaning cases that have not reached a final determination through to a resolved appeal) starting on [insert effective date following necessary Senate and Presidential approval] and expiring for cases submitted after **May 31, 2026**, a full Academic Integrity Panel (AIP) shall consist of three members of the University Integrity and Conduct Council. All members of the AIP shall be voting members. At least one must be a student and at least one must be a faculty member. A student will serve as the presiding officer. The panel should include at least one member from the school or college of the course in which the reported violation occurred.

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A report on this change and its effects (specifying 1) number of cases, 2) number of faculty willing to serve, and 3) time required to close a case) should be provided to the Faculty Senate and the Student Association Senate before the beginning of the **Spring 2026** semester.”