

**Western Michigan University
Faculty Senate
Memorandum of Action**

MOA – 23/04

Establishment of a Review Cycle for Academic Conduct Policies

Name of Council(s)/Committee(s): Professional Concerns Committee

Approval Date:
15 November 2023

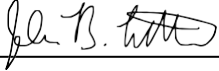
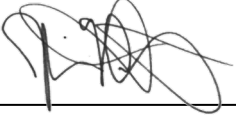
Implementation Date:
Upon Administrative Approval

Responsible Office(s) and Responsible Enforcement Official(s):

The Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee shall be responsible for monitoring, enforcing, and revising this policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

University-wide and Academic Unit-specific policies and procedures relating to Academic Conduct shall be identified and reviewed on a five-year cycle to commence in the academic year following approval of MOA-23/04.

 John B. Miller, Professional Concerns Committee	17 Jan 2024 Date	
Approve Comments:	Disapprove	Other Action
 Sarah Summy, WMU Faculty Senate President	Feb. 1, 2024 Date	
Approve Comments:	Disapprove	Other Action
 Julian Vasquez Heilig, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	3.27.2024 Date	
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 Edward B. Montgomery, WMU President	March 28, 2024 Date	

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RATIONALE/PURPOSE

Establishment of a review cycle for Academic Conduct policies will ensure that all University-wide and Academic Unit-specific policies and practices are identified and kept in accord with current standards.

STAKEHOLDERS

Students: Regular review of Academic Conduct policies ensures that student rights are protected by maintaining currency in standards of conduct and the methods to encourage appropriate conduct and address misconduct.

Faculty: Routine Academic Conduct policy review allows for changes in teaching and learning modalities, evolving cultural norms, and technological innovations.

Administration: Keeping Academic Conduct policies current minimizes the potential differences between University practices and those implemented elsewhere in Higher Education, limiting potential internal conflicts or external liability.

HISTORY:

- a) Effective date of current version: spring 2024
- b) Date first adopted: spring 2024
- c) Revision history: None
- d) Proposed date of next review: fall 2028-29

PROPOSED POLICY LANGUAGE:

University-wide and Academic Unit-specific policies and procedures relating to Academic Conduct shall be identified and reviewed on a five-year cycle.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Standards and practice in matters of Academic Conduct change over time. To ensure that WMU is keeping abreast of such changes, all University-wide and Academic Unit-specific policies and procedures relating to Academic Conduct shall be routinely reviewed.

POLICY DETAILS

Commencing five years after the academic year when MOA-23/04 is approved, the policies and procedures relating to Academic Conduct for the University as a whole and specific to any Academic Unit shall be reviewed on a five-year cycle.

The University-wide Academic Conduct policies are contained in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs and the WMU Student Code, with procedures to implement those policies created by the Office

of Student Rights and Responsibilities and the University Ombuds, in consultation with the Faculty Senate Professional Concerns Committee (PCC). The PCC will be responsible for coordinating review of the University-wide materials with stakeholder representatives and reporting the results of the review to the Faculty Senate within the year of review.

Some Academic Units have Academic Conduct policies that augment those of the University. These are often established to comply with standards set by professional or licensing entities. The PCC will be responsible for identifying units with any additional policies. The primary administrators of any units so identified will coordinate a review and report the results of the review to the Faculty Senate within the year of Review.

KEY DEFINITIONS/GLOSSARY

Academic Unit – a Program, Department, School, College, or other subset of the University focused on an academic pursuit.