ALEC Academic Dishonesty Policy
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Reference: 4.2 Academic Dishonesty in UNL’s Student Code of Conduct

All courses taught by faculty/staff in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication will include the following academic integrity statement in their course syllabi:

“Students are expected to adhere to guidelines concerning academic dishonesty outlined in Section 4.2 of University’s Student Code of Conduct (http://stuafs.unl.edu/dos/code). The Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication academic dishonesty procedure can be found on the departmental website (http://go.unl.edu/alec-academic-integrity-policy). Students are encouraged to contact the instructor for clarification of these guidelines if they have questions or concerns.”

All instructors in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication will adhere to the following procedure concerning academic dishonesty in their courses.

Scenario - In cases where an instructor finds that a student has committed any act of academic dishonesty, the instructor may in the exercise of his or her professional judgment impose an academic sanction as severe as giving the student a failing grade in the course. Before imposing an academic sanction, the instructor will:

1. First attempt to discuss the matter with the student.
2. If deemed necessary by either the instructor or the student, the matter may be brought to the attention of the student’s degree adviser, the instructor’s department head, or the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled.
3. When an academic sanction is imposed which causes a student to receive a lowered course grade (including a failed course grade), the instructor shall make a report in writing of the facts of the case and the academic sanction imposed against the student to the instructor's department chairperson or head and to the Judicial Officer.
   a. The student will be provided with a copy of this report.
   b. Further, the instructor may recommend the institution of disciplinary proceedings against the student for violation of this Code, if the instructor in the exercise of his or her professional judgment believes that such action is warranted.
4. In cases where an instructor's finding of academic dishonesty is admitted by the student and an academic sanction is imposed by the instructor which the student believes to be too severe, the student shall have the right to appeal the severity of the academic sanction through the applicable grade appeal procedure (see the Policy Statement for Grading Appeals in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources).
5. In cases where an instructor's finding of academic dishonesty is disputed by the student, the matter shall be referred to the Judicial Officer for disposition in accordance with the University Disciplinary Procedures.
   a. Any academic sanction imposed by the instructor shall be held in abeyance pending a final decision of guilt or innocence under the University Disciplinary Procedures.
   b. If it is determined through these procedures that the student is not guilty of academic dishonesty, the instructor's academic sanction shall be set aside.
c. If it is determined that the student is guilty of academic dishonesty, the instructor's academic sanction shall be imposed in addition to any disciplinary sanction which may be imposed under the University Disciplinary Procedures, subject to the student's right to appeal the severity of the academic sanction through the applicable grade appeal procedure.