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**MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICY ON FACULTY, STUDENT AND INSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

The academic enterprise is characterized by reasoned discussion between student and teacher, a mutual respect for the learning and teaching process, and intellectual honesty in the pursuit of new knowledge. By tradition, students and teachers have certain rights and responsibilities which they bring to the academic community. While the following statements do not imply a contract between the teacher or the institution and the student, they are nevertheless conventions which should be central to the learning and teaching process.

I. FACULTY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Faculty members shall share with students and administrators the responsibility for academic integrity.
- B. Faculty members shall enjoy freedom in the classroom to discuss all subject matters reasonably related to the course. In turn, they have the responsibility to encourage free and honest inquiry and expression on the part of students.
- C. Faculty members, consistent with the principles of academic freedom, have the responsibility to present courses that are consistent with their descriptions in the catalog of the institution. In addition, faculty members have the obligation to make students aware of the expectations in the course, the evaluation procedures, and the grading policy.
- D. Faculty members are obligated to evaluate students fairly, equitably, and in a manner appropriate to the course and its objectives. Grades must be assigned without prejudice or bias.
- E. Faculty members shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent the occurrence of academic dishonesty through appropriate design and administration of assignments and examinations, careful safeguarding of course materials and examinations, and regular reassessment of evaluation procedures.
- F. When instances of academic dishonesty are suspected, faculty members shall have the responsibility to see that appropriate action is taken in accordance with institutional regulations.

II. STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Students share with faculty members and the administrators the responsibility for academic integrity.
- B. Students may reasonably express themselves in their courses. In addition, students have the right to know the requirements of their courses and to know the manner in which they will be evaluated and graded.
- C. Students have the obligation to complete the requirements of their courses in the time and manner prescribed and to submit their work for evaluation.
- D. Students have the right to be evaluated fairly, equitably, and in a timely manner appropriate to the course and its objectives.
- E. Students shall not submit as their own work any work which has been prepared by others. Outside assistance in the preparation of this work, such as librarian assistance, tutorial assistance, typing assistance, or such special assistance as may be specified or approved by the appropriate faculty member, is allowed.
- F. Students shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent the occurrence of academic dishonesty. They shall by their own example encourage academic integrity and shall themselves refrain from acts of cheating and plagiarism or other acts of academic dishonesty.
- G. When instances of academic dishonesty are suspected, students shall have the right and responsibility to bring this to the attention of the faculty or other appropriate authority.
- H. Students are subject to the University's procedures governing academic dishonesty.
- I. Students are responsible for adhering to the Code of Student Conduct.

III. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The University shall take appropriate measures to foster academic integrity in the classroom.
- B. The University shall take steps to define acts of academic dishonesty, to ensure procedures for due process for students accused or suspected of acts of academic dishonesty, and to impose appropriate sanctions on students found to be guilty of acts of academic dishonesty.