

Motion re Academic Dishonesty Discovered After Graduation

Motion:

Effective Immediately

The following paragraph is added to the academic dishonesty policy at the end of the section "Penalties to be Imposed."

This policy applies to all incidents of academic dishonesty, including those that occur before a student graduates but are not discovered until after the degree is conferred. In such cases, it is possible that the application of this policy will lead to a failure to meet degree completion requirements and therefore the revocation of a student's degree.

Rationale:

A recent case occurred in which a student's plagiarism of an honors thesis was not discovered until after the student's degree had been conferred. The recommended academic penalty was failure in the course. This led to the student not having the 120 hours required to graduate. The Office of Legal Affairs recommends that this possibility be explicitly noted in the Academic Dishonesty policy.