

Senate Policy 60: Academic Integrity Summary of changes to Policy 60 and Procedures Effective September 1, 2019

Policy 60: Academic Integrity was reviewed in 2018/2019. The updated Policy 60 (and its associated Procedures) was passed by Ryerson Senate on June 11, 2019. **The updated Policy takes effect on September 1, 2019.**

The major changes that have been made are summarized below.

1. Senate Policy 60 and its associated Procedures have been aligned with the Senate Policy Framework.
2. Where possible, policy and procedures have been separated to avoid repetition and to make the documents easy to read, easy to understand and easy to use. Similarly, where possible, duplication has been removed throughout.
3. Along these lines, similar or related information has been grouped in one place wherever possible, e.g. Procedures, Section 9 - Representation, Support, and Witnesses.
4. Information on the academic integrity resources available to students has been moved from Procedures to Policy. It is important that this information be immediately available to students who need advice on the academic misconduct processes.
5. A third document, Policy 60 Guidelines describes, in more detail, how Policy 60 and its Procedures are to be enacted.
6. A definition section has been added to Policy 60.
7. Two new categories of misconduct are now clearly defined: self-plagiarism and contract cheating (Policy 60, Appendix A).
8. The process around pursuing suspicions of misconduct under “Submission of Falsified Documents in the Admissions Process” has been clarified.
9. The Designated Decision Maker (DDM) pilot program has been formalized. Also, an additional provision has been added, where a faculty member is not CUPE 1 or CUPE 2, but circumstances require that a DDM is assigned (Policy 60, Section 6.1.5 OPTION B).
10. Provisions have been made to provide students, in advance of the discussion, with evidence available to the AIO or decision maker (Policy 60, Section 6.2.5).
11. Additional information has been added that speaks to the process when concerns or allegations of prejudice, discrimination, or harassment, are raised in relation to a suspicion or finding of academic misconduct (Policy 60, Section 20).
12. All deadlines for appeals have been made consistent (10 days).
13. The role of the Policy 60 Faculty Advisor has been extended to provide faculty with “advice, support, and guidance on issues related to academic integrity and the preparation of materials for discussion and hearings under this policy” (Policy 60, Section 5.4).
14. The consequences of a Disciplinary Notation (DN) with respect to a student’s eligibility for Dean’s List has been clearly defined. “Although the DN is not a penalty, a consequence of a DN is that a student cannot be on a Dean’s List or be nominated for other internal awards or scholarships in the academic year that the misconduct occurred” (Policy 60, Section 9.1).
15. A new panel, the Senate Appeals Review Panel (SARP) will decide if an appeal is to be heard by the Senate Appeals Committee (SAC) (Policy 60, Section 15.2).
16. In current Policy 60, a DN remains on a graduate student’s internal record after graduation. In light of the new range of penalties for graduate students (see below), the DN will be removed

from the internal record upon graduation (as it currently is for undergraduate and Chang School students).

17. Section 5.4.5. in the existing Policy states: “With respect to graduate students, a second finding of academic misconduct in course work, *or a single finding of academic misconduct in supervised graduate research*, shall automatically require a penalty hearing regarding DW or, if recommended, Expulsion.” The italicized portion has been removed in new Procedures 7.4 resulting in graduate misconduct in course work and research-related work both being subject to an automatic penalty hearing after two findings of misconduct.
18. New in Policy 60, Section 7.1.3. “The minimum penalty for misconduct with respect to non-course program requirements work by a graduate student is a “D-UNS.”
19. Policy 60, Section 7.2.1.3 states “Graduate students cannot be assigned a DS.” (This exists in current Policy also). As such, the range of penalties that can be applied to graduate students is limited (e.g. a DN as a consequence, versus a DW). Therefore, two new penalties for graduate students are being introduced:
 - a. Disciplinary Action (DA)
An academic standing for a graduate student to indicate academic misconduct. A DA will be placed on both the student’s academic record and transcript and cannot be removed.
 - b. Disciplinary Action, with Suspension (DA-S)
An academic standing where a graduate student is removed from a program for a period of up to two (2) years, after which the student may request to re-enroll in the program. A DA-S will be placed on both the student’s academic record and transcript and cannot be removed.