Professors adhere to own academic policies

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(CCD), depending on the severity of the offense. "The sanctions that can be imposed by the CCD are the most severe," according to the guidelines.

Possible direct actions by the faculty member include lowering the student's grade and sending a warning letter to the student with an explanation of the violation and its consequence. The faculty member's decision can be reviewed by the department head if the student wishes.

Professors have personal policies

Many professors have their own guidelines that are not accepted. Professor of Electrical Engineering Stephen D. Senturia states in his "6.002 (Circuits and Electronics Policy Statement on Homework Collaboration)" that "Discussion of assignments with other students . . . is encouraged," but that "Every student is expected to write his/her papers on his/ her own." He also states that "copying of another student's work and representing it as one's own work is a serious academic offense, and will be treated as such." Senturia asks his students to "cite your references," that is, to write down the names of their collaborators or sources on their problem sets. His policy is an attempt to encourage "but an attempt to inform," he says.

Associate Professor of Mathematics Frank Morgan "also enforces a policy of academic standards." He teaches Differential Equations (18.03) and honor system.

Students are relied on to work on their own (earlier help could indicate cheating), and to give and receive no help on exams. There will be no "proofreading," states the IID in Syllabus. "If you are in doubt, ask a professor to indicate on their homework whether they consulted others," He feels that "honesty is absolutely necessary."

The revised guidelines are directed toward the "very few cases of serious dishonesty." Heine, head of the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office and Associate Provost S. Jay Keyes predicted that once faculty members begin to follow these guidelines, "99 percent of the problems will be taken care of."

"Keyes said these guidelines, however, are "not created just like the names on the cornerstone of the main buildings," and can be changed if they prove socially or educationally useful.

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