

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Nowak, Presiding Officer
FROM: Stephen Buttes, Chair
Educational Policy Committee
DATE: 02/11/2026
SUBJ: Revised Academic Regulations – Section 4.0

WHEREAS, the Senate committed SD 25-21 (Ad-Hoc Academic Regulations Task Force Final Report) to the Educational Policy Committee (EPC); and,

WHEREAS, EPC reviewed the current Academic Regulations (Academic Year 2025-2026), the Ad-Hoc Task Force’s Final Report, and Senate Documents containing revised Academic Regulations from Academic Years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026; and,

WHEREAS, the EPC review sought to align current Academic Regulations, Senate Documents (Fall 2022 – Fall 2025), and the Ad-Hoc Task Force recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, EPC concluded that the clearest way to present the Ad-Hoc Task Force proposals without modifying already-approved Senate changes embedded in the current Academic Regulations was to map specific Ad-Hoc Task Force proposals onto the current regulations; and,

WHEREAS, EPC further concluded that the Senate review and approval process of these revisions could proceed most expeditiously by preparing a separate resolution for each section of the Academic Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, EPC proposes removing section 4.1.2 and replacing it with a link in section 4.1 that cross-references identical language in the “Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct” (“Student Code”), so as to avoid having the “Student Code” and the Academic Regulations stating differing language as each is revised over the long term;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate approve the specific revisions to section 4.0 of the Academic Regulations listed below.

PFW Academic Regulations - AY 2025-2026 - PFW Catalog	
Current Language (PFW Catalog AY 2025-2026)	Proposed Language (PFW Catalog AY 2026-2027)
Academic Honesty	no proposed change
4.0: Academic Honesty	no proposed change
4.1: Definitions -Students are expected and required to abide by the laws of the United States, the State of Indiana, and the rules and regulations of PFW. Students are expected to exercise their freedom to learn with responsibility and to respect the general conditions that maintain such freedom. PFW has developed the following general regulations concerning student conduct which safeguard the right of every individual student to exercise fully the freedom to learn without interference. Purdue University Fort Wayne (FW) may discipline a student for committing acts of academic or personal misconduct.	4.1: Definitions -Students are expected and required to abide by the laws of the United States, the State of Indiana, and the rules and regulations of PFW. Students are expected to exercise their freedom to learn with responsibility and to respect the general conditions that maintain such freedom. PFW has developed the following general regulations concerning student conduct which safeguard the right of every individual student to exercise fully the freedom to learn without interference. Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW) may discipline a student for committing acts of academic or personal misconduct. For more information on Academic Misconduct go to Code of Students Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct.
4.1.2: Academic Misconduct: This type of misconduct is generally defined as any act that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University or subvert the educational process. At PFW, specific forms of academic misconduct are defined as follows:	4.1.2: Academic Misconduct: This type of misconduct is generally defined as any act that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University or subvert the educational process. At PFW, specific forms of academic misconduct are defined as follows:
1. Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. The term "academic exercise" includes all forms of work submitted for credit or hours. The term "unauthorized materials" includes those identified by the instructor	1. Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. The term "academic exercise" includes all forms of work submitted for credit or hours. The term "unauthorized materials" includes those identified by the instructor
2. Falsifying or fabricating any information or citation in an academic exercise.	2. Falsifying or fabricating any information or citation in an academic exercise.
3. Helping or attempting to help another in committing acts of academic dishonesty.	3. Helping or attempting to help another in committing acts of academic dishonesty.
4. Submitting the work of someone else as if it were one's own by adopting or reproducing the ideas and opinions of others without acknowledgment. Such instances of plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional, and may involve isolated words, formulas, sentences, paragraphs, entire works, or other intellectual property; either copied from other published sources, or from unpublished work such as those of other students.	4. Submitting the work of someone else as if it were one's own by adopting or reproducing the ideas and opinions of others without acknowledgment. Such instances of plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional, and may involve isolated words, formulas, sentences, paragraphs, entire works, or other intellectual property; either copied from other published sources, or from unpublished work such as those of other students.

5. Submitting work from one course to satisfy the requirements of another course unless submission of such work is permitted by the faculty member.	5. Submitting work from one course to satisfy the requirements of another course unless submission of such work is permitted by the faculty member.
6. Serving as or permitting another student to serve as a substitute (or 'ringer') in taking an exam.	6. Serving as or permitting another student to serve as a substitute (or 'ringer') in taking an exam.
7. Altering of answers or grades on a graded assignment without authorization of the faculty member.	7. Altering of answers or grades on a graded assignment without authorization of the faculty member.
8. Engaging in activities that unfairly place other students at a disadvantage, such as taking, hiding, or altering resource material.	8. Engaging in activities that unfairly place other students at a disadvantage, such as taking, hiding, or altering resource material.
9. Violating professional or ethical standards of the profession or discipline for which a student is preparing (declared major and/or minor) as adopted by the relevant academic program. The instructor must thoroughly investigate signs of academic dishonesty, take appropriate actions, and report such actions properly to prevent repeated offenses and to ensure equity.	9. Violating professional or ethical standards of the profession or discipline for which a student is preparing (declared major and/or minor) as adopted by the relevant academic program. The instructor must thoroughly investigate signs of academic dishonesty, take appropriate actions, and report such actions properly to prevent repeated offenses and to ensure equity.
4.2: Policy	no proposed change
4.2.1: Student's responsibilities. Academic honesty is expected of all students. The student is responsible for knowing how to maintain academic honesty and for abstaining from cheating, the appearance of cheating, and permitting or assisting in another's cheating.	no proposed change
4.2.2: Instructor's responsibilities. The instructor is responsible for fostering the intellectual honesty as well as the intellectual development of students, and should apply methods of teaching, examination, and assignments which discourage student dishonesty. The instructor should explain clearly any specialized meanings of cheating and plagiarism as they apply to a specific course. The instructor is responsible for providing students with a written course-level policy regarding the authorized/unauthorized usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI).	no proposed change

<p>The instructor must thoroughly investigate signs of academic dishonesty, take appropriate actions, and report such actions properly per procedures described in Part III. A Procedures for Academic Misconduct in the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct in the Catalog to prevent repeated offenses and to ensure equity.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>4.3: Procedures: For all procedures related to Academic Misconduct, see Part III.A Procedures for Academic Misconduct in the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct in the Catalog. In order to ensure that the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct are promoted and supported at Purdue University Fort Wayne (FW), academic departments should establish a written policy/statement, addressing the professional or ethical standards of their discipline, which is distributed to all students who are preparing in the discipline. Students have the responsibility to familiarize themselves with the academic department's policy/statement. (For additional information, see the Student Disciplinary Procedures section of the Code of Students Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct in the Catalog).</p>	<p>4.3: Procedures: For all procedures related to Academic Misconduct, see Part III.A Procedures for Academic Misconduct in the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct in the Catalog. In order to ensure that the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct are promoted and supported at PFW, academic departments should establish a written policy/statement, addressing the professional or ethical standards of their discipline, which is distributed to all students who are preparing in the discipline. Students have the responsibility to familiarize themselves with the academic department's policy/statement. (For additional information, see the Student Disciplinary Procedures section of the Code of Students Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct in the Catalog).</p>