

Academic Integrity

The following information can be found on the Academic Integrity Website:
https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/academic_integrity/policies_procedures/

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

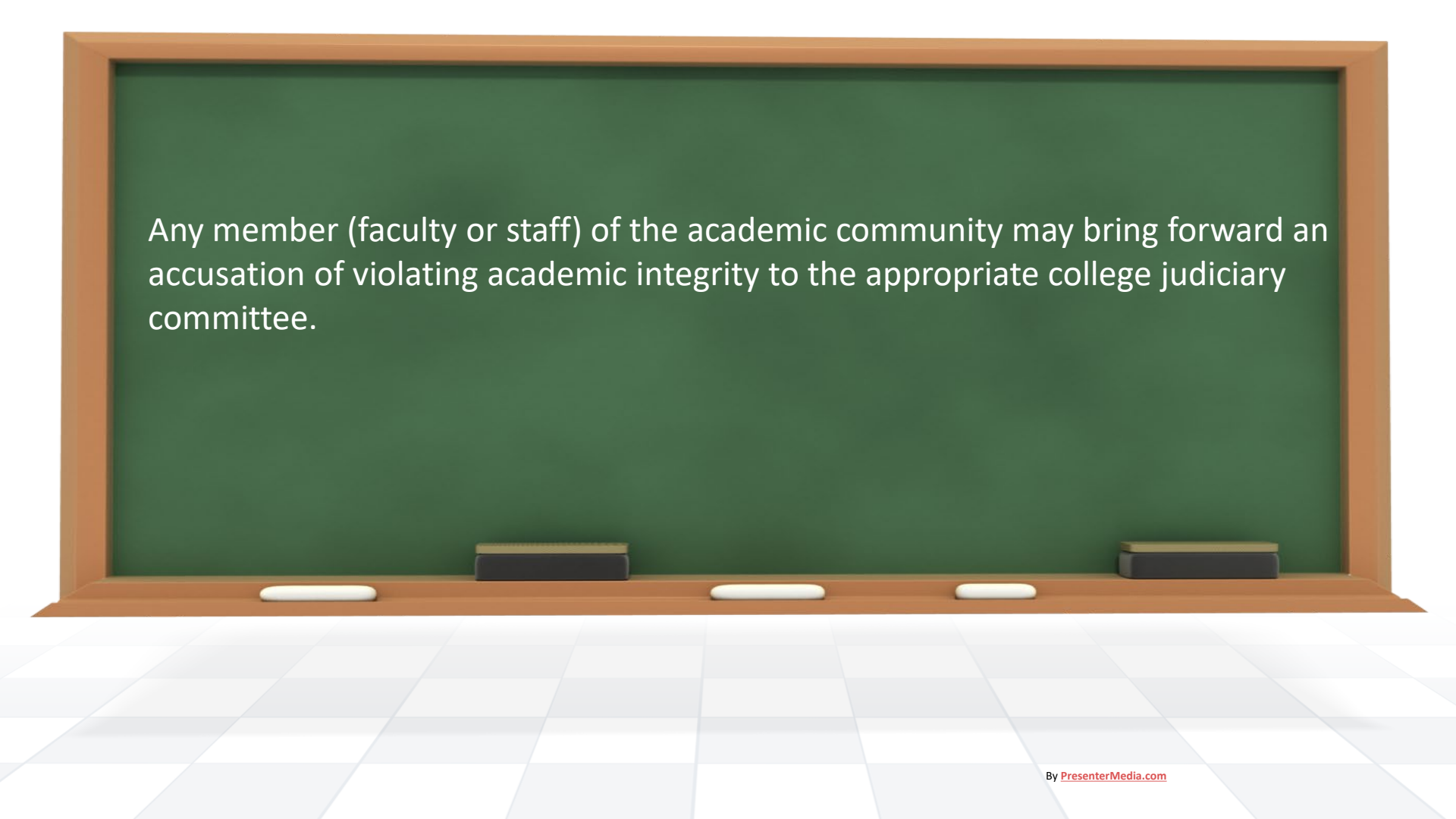
Definition

“Academic dishonesty includes any act that is designed to obtain fraudulently, either for oneself or for someone else, academic credit, grades, or other recognition that is not properly earned or that adversely affects another's grade”.


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THE FOLLOWING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST

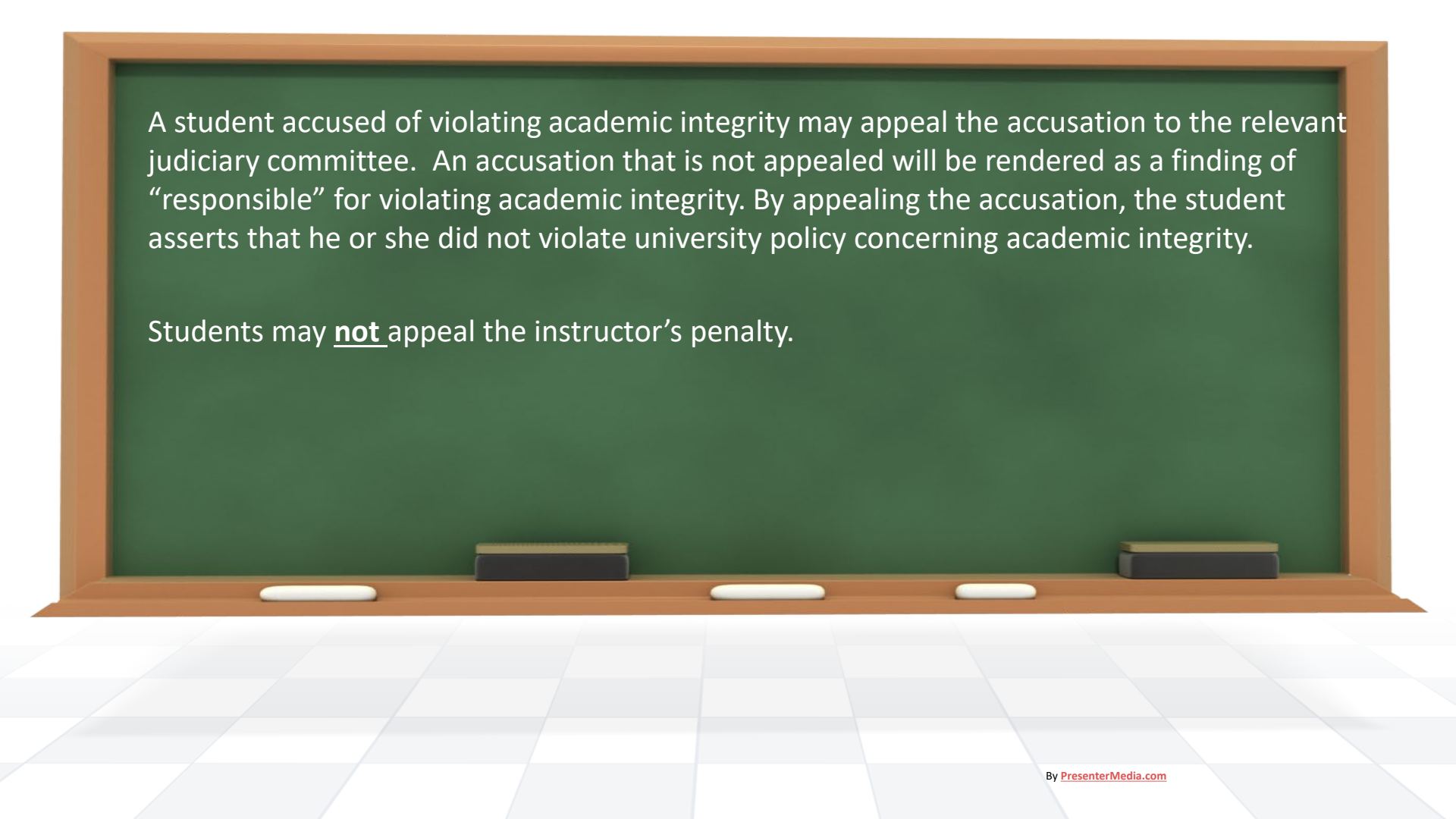
- Plagiarism: copying someone else's writing or paraphrasing it too closely, even if it constitutes only some of your written assignment, without proper citation.
- Collusion: two or more students helping one another on an exam or assignment when it is not permitted
- Cheating on exams or assignments by the use of books, electronic devices, online resources, notes, or other aids when these are not permitted, or by copying from another student.
- Ringers: taking an exam for someone else or permitting someone else to take one's exam or paying someone to take exam/complete assignments
- Submitting the same paper in more than one course without permission from the instructors
- Altering an exam or paper after it has been graded in order to request a grade change
- Falsifying documents or records related to credit, grades, status (ex: adds and drops, GPNC grading, transcripts) or other academic matter
- Posting answers or requesting answers on websites, group chats, or social media when it is prohibited
- Stealing, concealing, destroying or inappropriately modifying classroom or other instructional material, such as posted exams, library materials, laboratory supplies or computer programs
- Preventing relevant material from being subjected to academic evaluation.
- Presenting fabricated excuses for missed assignment or tests
- Falsifying attendance roster; signing in for someone else; unauthorized clicker use; using someone else's clicker



Any member (faculty or staff) of the academic community may bring forward an accusation of violating academic integrity to the appropriate college judiciary committee.



When the Academic Judiciary Office receives an accusation, the student is notified by email and instructed to make an appointment to come in and discuss accusation.



A student accused of violating academic integrity may appeal the accusation to the relevant judiciary committee. An accusation that is not appealed will be rendered as a finding of “responsible” for violating academic integrity. By appealing the accusation, the student asserts that he or she did not violate university policy concerning academic integrity.

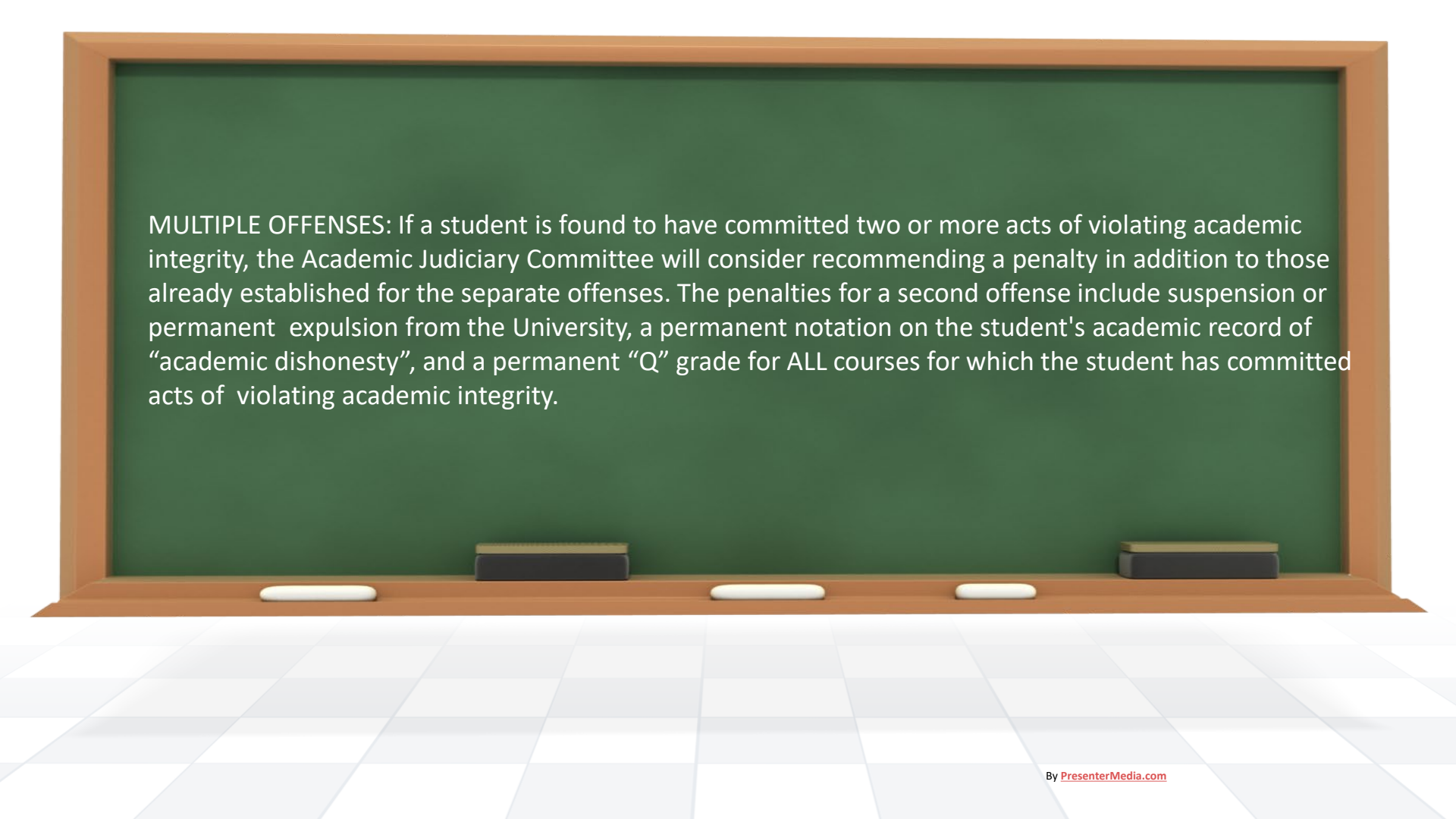
Students may not appeal the instructor’s penalty.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN COURSEWORK:

- A student who is found “responsible” of a first offense will typically be given a “Q” grade for the course, signifying that he or she has committed an act of academic dishonesty. The “Q” is computed in the student’s GPA as an F. Except where the Academic Judiciary specifies otherwise; the “Q” grade is removed and replaced with the earned grade including any penalty assigned by the instructor and the Academic Judiciary Committee when the student completes a non-credit academic integrity course (called “the Q Course”)
- "The Q course is the University's mandatory required course for students found responsible for violating academic integrity and includes topics to develop a student's academic skills and promote academic success without violating academic integrity. The ten-week course is held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring semester. It meets on Wednesdays during Campus Lifetime (1:00pm - 2:00pm). A student must attend all sessions during the semester and complete the assignments to have the Q removed from his/her transcript." This only applies to a first time offense.

WHAT IS THE STANDARD GRADE PENALTY IN A COURSE FOR VIOLATING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- An “F” for the course is considered to be an appropriate penalty grade for violating academic integrity.
- More serious acts may warrant suspension or permanent expulsion from the University



MULTIPLE OFFENSES: If a student is found to have committed two or more acts of violating academic integrity, the Academic Judiciary Committee will consider recommending a penalty in addition to those already established for the separate offenses. The penalties for a second offense include suspension or permanent expulsion from the University, a permanent notation on the student's academic record of “academic dishonesty”, and a permanent “Q” grade for ALL courses for which the student has committed acts of violating academic integrity.

How Students Can Protect Themselves

“Many cases of plagiarism involve students improperly using Internet sources. If you quote an Internet source, you must cite the URL for that source in your bibliography. Copying (or closely paraphrasing text) text or figures from a website without citing it and placing it in quotation marks is plagiarism. It is no different from doing the same thing with a printed source. Professing ignorance of this rule will not be accepted as a legitimate basis for appealing an accusation of academic dishonesty”

Visit Stony Brook University – Libraries “Citations & Plagiarism” <https://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/citations/avoid-plagiarism>

While group collaboration is encouraged/suggested, when it comes to submitting work/assignment, yours must be your own ideas in your own words separately from the group

IN ADDITION:

- Read Course Syllabus
- Prepare thoroughly for exams and assignments
- Do not give your assignments to your friends/classmates “to see how it should be done/or how you did it”
- Do not use online websites/groupchats for posting answers or to obtain answers
- While taking exams make sure surrounding areas are clear of any books and/or notes or devices (if not permitted)
- Use the University’s resources (ie Writing Center, Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling Center, Computer Lab, Academic Advisors,.....)
- Consult with course instructor – when in doubt about