

Hofstra University
Student Government Association
In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

Acknowledging the efforts of the Academic Integrity Task Force in identifying the trends of academic dishonesty at Hofstra University;

Recognizing the Task Force's Report on Academic Integrity Student/Faculty Survey with Recommendations;

Examining the results, in which 13-36% of students admitted to having performed various acts of dishonesty at least once;

Noting further that 'peer pressure' to maintain academic integrity is often the most effective tool in encouraging changes in student behavior;

Strongly endorses the suggestions proposed in the *Report on Academic Integrity Student/Faculty Survey with Recommendations;*

Recommends the adoption of the proposed Hofstra Honor Code that strengthens the P.R.I.D.E. principles which states: "As a member of the Hofstra community, I pledge to demonstrate integrity and ethical behavior in all aspects of my life, both inside and out of the classroom. I understand that I am accountable for everything I say and write. I will not misrepresent my academic work, nor will I give or receive unauthorized assistance for academic work. I agree to respect the rights of all members of the Hofstra community. I will be guided by the values expressed in the P.R.I.D.E Principles. I accept the responsibility to follow this Honor Code at all times.";

Further recommends the adoption of the proposed short version of the Honor Code, which states: "I pledge on my honor that I have done this work with honesty and integrity, without giving or receiving unauthorized assistance.";

Calls upon Hofstra University's student body to "take the pledge" and take part in the process suggested in the report;

Further endorses the establishment of the Honor Board, which would include students appointed by the Provost and the Vice President for Student Affairs;

Expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Academic Integrity Task Force in advancing academic honesty at Hofstra University.

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