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The Youngstown University Student Council recommends that a statement of policy on dishonest conduct by students be included in the University catalog, ^{Student} Handbook, and faculty handbook. An outline of what that policy should be follows.

To maintain high scholastic standards and to insure to each student the right to get an honorable and rewarding education, a procedure has been established both to discourage cheating and plagiarizing and to provide punishment if either one occurs.

Individual discipline problems are to be referred to the faculty-student discipline committee. Teachers are responsible for taking all reasonable precautions to prevent cheating on examinations.

An instructor may give any student found cheating an F for the course. He must however, file a report on every such incident with the faculty-student discipline committee. The student involved may appeal the matter to the committee.

Flagrant instances of dishonesty are to be referred directly to the faculty-student discipline committee and may be grounds for expulsion.

The committee may initiate action even in those instances where a teacher does not consider the dishonesty so flagrant as to request action by the committee. Such action would be started if the committee records showed an accumulation of incidents each of which was considered minor by the teachers reporting them.

The Student Council recommends that the faculty-student discipline committee have the following organization and functions:

1. The committee has seven members: three from the Student Council Discipline Committee, three from the faculty, and the Dean of the University who will act as chairman.
2. The Dean of the University or his representative is to present the case.
3. The Dean of Men or Women is to make sure that the student involved has advice and assistance, and that the student has at least one week in which to prepare ~~his~~ defense.
4. The individual concerned should be well informed of what he is accused of and should be allowed to speak on his own behalf.
5. All except the faculty-student discipline committee be required to leave the room before the voting.
6. The alternatives should be voted on in pairs, beginning with pair I. If the committee votes for a lesser punishment, a vote should then be taken on the next set of alternatives until a punishment is decided on or the decision of no action is reached.

Example:

- I.
 1. expulsion
 2. lesser punishment
- II.
 1. suspension
 2. lesser punishment
- III.
 1. probation to entered on record with grade of F
 2. lesser punishment
- IV.
 1. grade of F
 2. lesser punishment
- V.
 1. reprimand
 2. no action

7. If the vote of the committee is for expulsion or suspension, the decision of the committee be presented to the President of the University as a recommendation.
8. That a report on each case, not to include the names of the individuals concerned, be available for publication.
9. That the committee meet regularly, every three weeks for example, to discuss ways of improving its effectiveness.
10. That the Deans be allowed to appoint permanent representatives in the event that the committee becomes overloaded with work.

The Student Council recommends that the last sentence regarding plagiarism that appears in the Warning About Plagiarism in the 107 Term Paper Handbook be stricken out and in its place be inserted the following sentence:

Plagiarism of any type is grounds for expulsion and is to be reported to the Faculty-Student Discipline Committee by the instructor; the instructor, however, has the authority to give anyone found plagiarizing an F provided he files a report on the matter with the Faculty-Student Discipline Committee.