Decision and Penalties

1. For a student to be found guilty of an Honor Code violation, the unanimous vote of the six voting members of the Honor Council will be required [the Chair (or Vice-Chair) will not be eligible to vote].
2. The penalty recommended for an Honor Code violation will be by plurality vote of the six voting members of the Honor Council. In case of a tie, the Chair (or Vice-Chair) will cast a vote.
3. The Dean will be informed promptly following the decision of the Honor Council.

Recommendation for penalties regarding violations of the Statement of the Honor Code

- The standard penalty for violation of the Honor Code is (a) mandatory leave of absence from Emory University School of Medicine for at least one academic term (semester) if the student is in the first or second year of medical school, or for at least four months if the student is in the third or fourth year of medical school; and (b) a grade of “Incomplete” for all courses in which the student is enrolled at the time of the infraction.
- The Honor Council may recommend to the Dean a penalty more severe than a mandatory leave of absence (e.g., permanent expulsion) or may recommend a less severe penalty (e.g., disciplinary probation for Honor Code violation), dependent upon the circumstances of the case.
- Upon receipt of a mandatory leave of absence, the student cannot advance to the next term until he/she has completed the term in which the “Incomplete” grades were given.
- If the student is in the first or second year of medical school, he/she will return from a mandatory leave of absence to the beginning of the uncompleted term. If the student is in the third or fourth year of medical school, he/she will return from a mandatory leave of absence to the beginning of the uncompleted clerkship.

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