

**KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
HONOR & INTEGRITY SYSTEM
Annual Report 2022-2023**



Data Collected and Summarized on August 1, 2023

Summary

As of August 1, 2023, reporters (e.g., faculty, instructors, GTAs) had submitted 138 Honor Pledge Violation Reports that involved 185 students (174 unique individuals) since August 1, 2022. Of this total, 149 students did not contest the allegation and were found responsible; 5 students still have an open case; 36 students contested alleged violations and 2 had an Option 2 procedure. Of the 36 who contested and the two option 2 students, 10 students' cases were dropped by the professor, 16 were found responsible and 10 not-responsible. The number of students who were found responsible of an Honor Code violation in 2022-2023 is 149 (not contested) + 14 (contested) + 2 (Option 2) or 165 students.

Additional data include: cases were predominantly filed as plagiarism (40.61%) followed by unauthorized collaboration (37.56%), and unauthorized aid (13.20%); 45 students were sanctioned to the Development and Integrity course (in comparison to 59 the previous year) and 78 total enrolled (in comparison to 89 in 2021-2022); and sophomores (28.74%) had the largest percentage of reports followed by freshmen (22.99%), junior (21.84%), senior (17.82%), and graduate/non degree (8.62%).

The honor council heard a total of 30 hearings, 24 case review board hearings and 6 additional sanctioning hearings.

Introduction

The purpose of the Honor and Integrity System is to promote academic integrity as a standard expectation within the university community. The Honor and Integrity System pursues this mission through both education and adjudication. Article VI of the Honor and Integrity System Constitution requires the Director to provide an annual report to the Student Senate, Faculty Senate and the Provost and Senior Vice President. This annual report summarizes the activities of the Honor and Integrity System for the 2022-2023 academic year as well as provides a report on the administrative activities of the Director, Honor and Integrity System staff, and volunteer Honor Council during the reporting period.

Cases Reported

Within 2022-2023 academic year, the Honor and Integrity System processed 138 total Honor Pledge Violation Reports (as of August 1, 2023). This figure reflects only the violations officially reported to the system. It does not reflect informal consultation with reporters regarding alleged violations, nor Honor Code violations that faculty reporters choose to handle without recourse to the Honor and Integrity System. Kansas State University does not operate by a mandatory reporting policy for academic dishonesty. Rather, faculty are encouraged to report possible violations so that they and students alike can benefit from established due process and

so that students with repeated violations are identified and properly sanctioned as a result.

During the reporting period, 138 cases were processed (Table 1), and 185 students were alleged to have committed Honor Code violations. Not unfrequently, reporters submit cases in which multiple violators are named. The number of cases processed is a function of many factors: faculty discernment and decision making, the number of students associated with a particular case, and fluxuation in the actual (unknown) number of violations. It is as difficult to estimate the number of Honor Code violations that go unreported as it is to know how many go undetected.

Table 1. Total number of Honor Pledge alleged cases and students reported per academic year in past 10 years.

2012-2013	207	265
2013-2014	197	285
2014-2015	157	190
2015-2016	297	343
2016-2017	150	187
2017-2018	173	230
2018-2019	162	195
2019-2020	349	396
2020-2021	427	491
2021-2022	189	234
2022-2023	138	185

Reporters who are the primary instructor for the course where the violation occurred have the authority to determine the appropriate sanctions for violating the Honor Code (Option 1 on Violation Report). Reporters determined the sanctions (Option 1 Case) for over 99% of the students identified as alleged violators. Reporters may also, however, request that the Honor and Integrity System determine if the Honor Code has been violated and, if so, appropriate sanctions (Option 2). Approximately 80% (91% in 2020-2021) of all reported students did not contest the violation report. Thirty-six students contested alleged violations. Of these, eight were found not responsible (see Table 2).

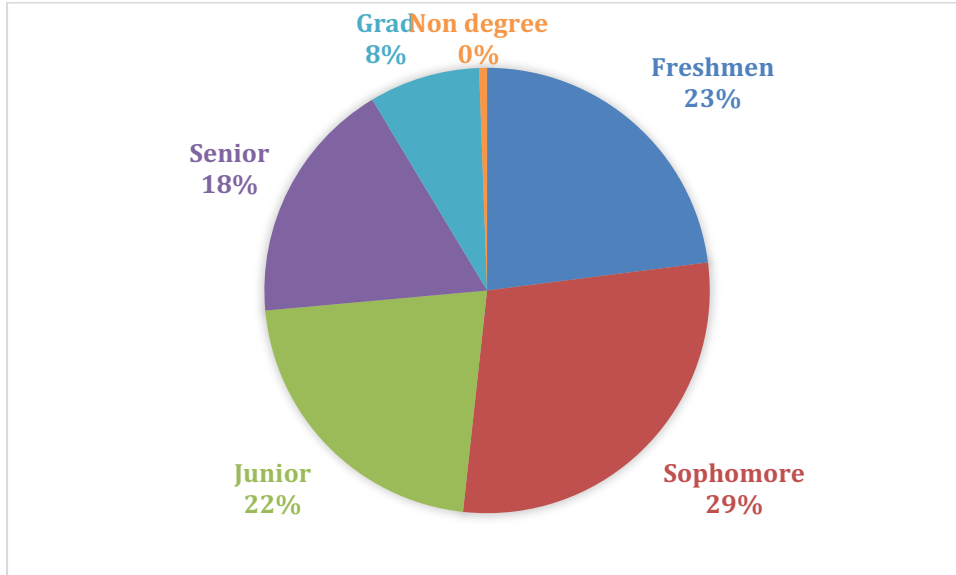
Table 2. Breakdown of Total Students Reported

Contested - Found Responsible	14
Contested - Found Not Responsible	10
Not Contested	149
Option 2 - Found Responsible	2
Option 2 - Found Not Responsible	0
Dropped By Professor	10
Total Students Reported	185

Alleged Violator Demographics

Alleged violators were relatively spread between the undergraduate classes during the 2022-2023 academic year.

Figure 1. Classification of Reported Students (185 students total)



College Demographics

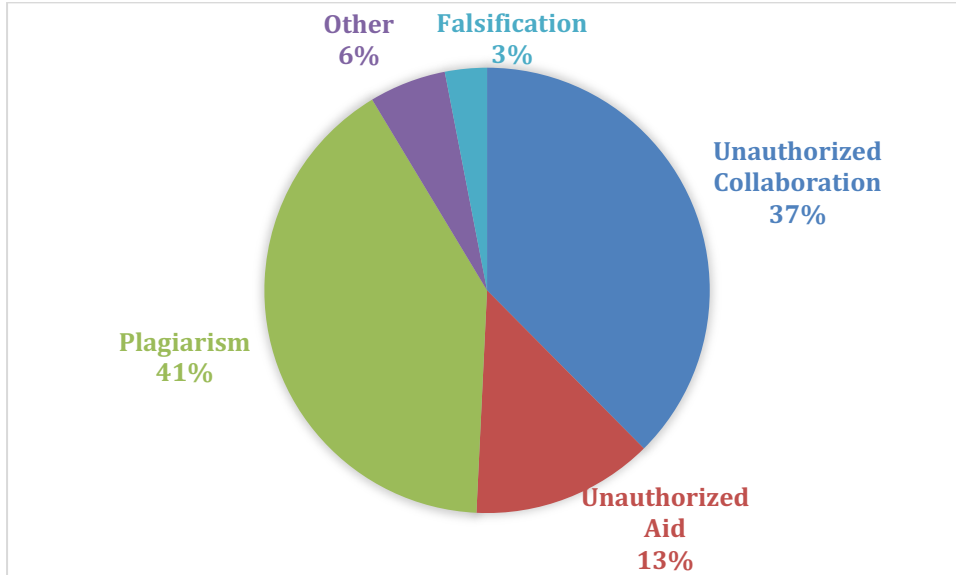
Table 3: College classification for Reporters (number is number of students reported)

Agriculture	7
Architecture Planning and Design	4
Arts and Sciences	48
Business Administration	13
Education	10
Engineering	78
Health and Human Sciences	5
Salina	19
Olathe	1

Details about Violations

As in previous years, the most common violations were plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration (Figure 2).

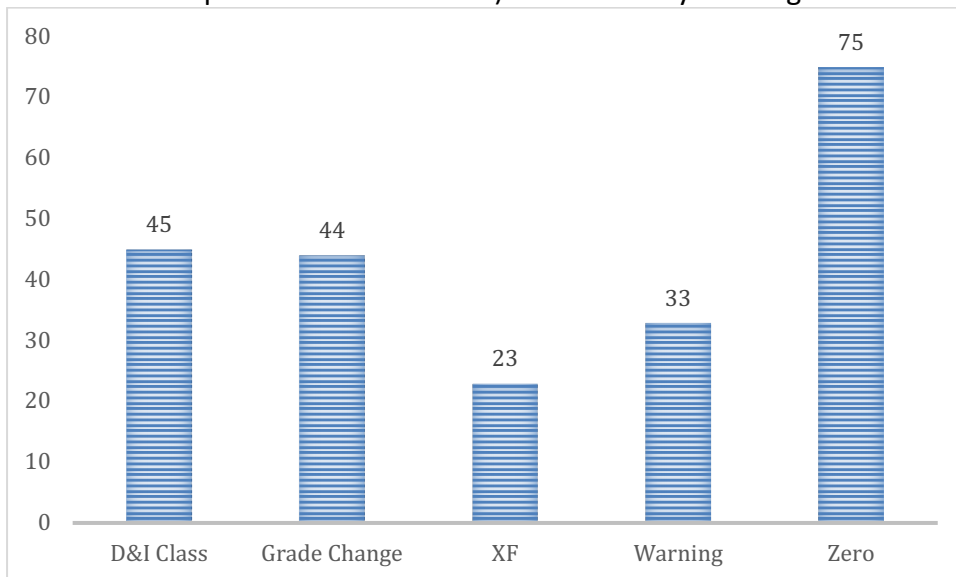
Figure 2 – Types of violations reported. *Plagiarism: Copying the work of others and presenting it as original. Unauthorized collaboration: Giving or receiving answers. Unauthorized Aid: Consulting unapproved resources. Falsification: Submitting work under false pretenses. Other: Any other academic dishonesty.*



Details about Sanctions

Sanction(s) issued by reporters ranged from an XF to a verbal warning (Figure 3). Multiple sanctions are commonplace (e.g., zero on assignment plus required enrollment in the Development and Integrity course).

Figure 3. Breakdown of sanctions for students found responsible (does not include pending cases nor multiple violation sanctions). Student may be assigned more than one sanction.



Multiple Violations

Multiple violators (as long as the second or subsequent violation is not in the same class during the same semester) are required to appear before a 5-member Honor Council panel called an Additional Sanctioning Hearing (ASH). During the 2022-2023 academic year, 14 students chose to violate the honor pledge more than one time during their tenure at K-State. At the time of this report, six hearings had been held. The hearings resulted in a combination of additional sanctions including permanent XFs, requirement to take the Development and Integrity course, using campus resources such as the writing center and academic coaching, and also no additional sanctions.

Educational Presentations

Educational presentations continued this academic year both via zoom and in person. A recorded presentation was also made available for faculty to use in their “classrooms”.

Development and Integrity Course

During Fall 2022, 42 students completed the Development and Integrity course. Spring 2023 had 24 students and then the summer session in 2023 had 12 students. In total 78 students took the class this past academic year.

Honor Council

The Honor Council cannot be commended enough for their work during 2022-2023. They then heard a total of 30 hearings over the year with several hearings having multiple students involved. The hearings this year were hybrid with some joining via zoom and some in joining in person.

Professional Activities

During the 2022-2023 academic year, Dr. Camilla Roberts completed her third full year as President of the International Center of Academic Integrity (ICAI). She will serve through March 2024 in the role of the President. She was also asked to make multiple in person and virtual presentations and presented various webinars for educators around the world.

Office Administration

During the 2022-2023 academic year, Dr. Roberts had a graduate student during the entire year. The GA taught the development and integrity course. The office also continues the collaboration with the Office of Student Life with student workers.

In summer of 2023 it was announced that the Honor and Integrity System would be

transitioning away from the Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness in connection with the Next Gen Strategic Plan. By October 1, 2023, the Honor and Integrity System will officially be under the Office for Student Support and Accountability (formerly the Office of Student Life) which falls under the renamed Division of Student Affairs (Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs).