Honor Infraction Appeal Process

The PA Program Director or designee will review the PA Honor Council findings and act on the recommendations within five working days.

Students may appeal Honor Council recommendations and request further investigation by the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline. The dean or designee will set in motion the convening the committee and will communicate with the student.

Request for appeal of the PA Honor Council findings should be made within three working days after meeting with the PA Program Director. All requests should be in written format and given to the PA Program Director who will notify the dean or designee.

The accused student shall be notified in writing, not less than ten business days before the matter is to be heard by the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline:

- the nature of the alleged offense,
- the name or names of the accuser(s),
- the right of the student to be heard,
- the time and place of the Hearing,
- the right to be represented at the Hearing by legal counsel,
- the right to speak, write, or present witnesses
- the right to cross-examine accusers or witnesses who may testify against him or her.

All written communication and notification to students will be delivered to the student's mailbox in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies. The student shall be advised that the hearing will not be open to the public.

The decision shall be based on persuasive evidence, shall take the findings of the PA Honor Council into account, and shall be determined by a majority vote.

The Faculty Committee on Student Discipline shall have discretionary authority to recommend disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion. The findings and recommendations of the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline will be communicated in writing to the dean or designee within seven calendar days of its decision.

The dean or designee will review the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline findings and recommendations and may sustain the decision, abrogate it, return it to the Committee for further deliberations, or impose a different sanction. The dean or designee will communicate the decision to the student within ten working days and will also advise the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline, the PA Honor Council Chair, and the PA Program Director or designee as to the disposition of the matter. For sanctions less than dismissal, the decision of the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline will be final and not subject to appeal. If the decision is for dismissal, the student may appeal to the Dean of the Medical School.

For sanctions involving dismissal, the student shall have ten working days following notification to appeal in writing to the Dean of the Medical School or designee. The decision of the Dean of the Medical School or designee shall be final. The Dean of the Medical School or designee shall communicate the decision to the student no later than ten working days following receipt of the appeal. The PA Program Director, the Faculty Committee on Student Discipline and the PA Honor Council will also be advised as to the disposition of the matter.