Academic Integrity
East Georgia State College - Athletics
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LET’S GET ASSOCIATED.
“Integrity means doing the right thing at all times and in all circumstances, whether or not anyone is watching.”

- Amy Rees Anderson, Forbes, *Success Will Come and Go, But Integrity is Forever* (2012)
Importance of Academic Integrity

“Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny.”

Mahatma Gandhi
“Epidemic of Academic Fraud” in College Athletics

• See “More Than a Dozen Athletic Programs Have Committed Academic Fraud in the Last Decade with More Likely to Come.” Inside Higher Education, July 8, 2016

• Georgia Southern University

• “... a former assistant compliance director gave an athlete a flash driver containing her work from when she was enrolled in the same course .... submitted the work as if it were his own.”

• “A former assistant director of student-athlete services at the university also wrote and submitted 10 extra credit assignments for two football players. She obtained the players log-in information and submitted the papers without the athletes’ knowledge.”
• “I would prefer even to fail with honor than to win by cheating”

Sophocles
Examples of Prohibited Academic Assistance

The following is a short list of examples based on my own experience and reading. It is obviously not an exhaustive list:

- Preparing an assignment (or parts of an assignment) for a student for submission by the student as their own work
- Providing a copy of a test to a student from a prior semester without prior authorization of the professor, dean or VPAA
- Taking an online exam for a student or providing unauthorized assistance to a student during an exam
- Coaching a student about how to avoid being caught cheating
- Submitting academic work on behalf of a student using the student’s D2L account/password
- Changing a student’s grade in Banner or withdrawing a student from a class without authorization of the professor, dean or VPAA
EGSC Athletics – Next Steps

• EGSC Athletic Department develops proposed written plan designed to prevent academic fraud and address it if discovered. Key elements of the plan:
  
  • **Ongoing education** of all athletic personnel and student athletes (What is prohibited? Why is academic integrity important?)
  
  • **Clearly define the prohibited activities and required activities**
  
  • **Periodic reporting** to the president about educational efforts and any violations (at least once each semester)
  
  • **Ongoing assessment** of the plan. Is it working? How can we improve? (at least annually)
  
  • **Submit plan to Cabinet/President for approval** (09/30/2016)
Thank you!

I appreciate all you do to help our student athletes prepare to live their lives with honor, integrity and success.