

Guidelines for Students Appealing an Accusation of Academic Dishonesty

If you wish to appeal the accusation of academic dishonesty that has been brought against you, you must request a hearing in front of the Hearing Board of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals (CEAS CASA).

In such a case, a panel of jurors from the college will consider the statements and evidence brought before it, as provided by you and your accuser. Following the hearing, the CEAS CASA will then make a judgment, by majority vote, of whether you are guilty or not guilty.

In order to be granted a hearing, you must request one within two weeks of receiving notification of your accusation from the CEAS Undergraduate Student Office.

If you request a hearing, it will proceed as follows:

The accuser(s) will make his/her/their specific accusation and will present evidence, which you have the right to know about before the hearing. (Generally a specific letter of accusation is submitted to the CEAS Undergraduate Student Office by the accuser, which is then included in the CEAS Undergraduate Student Office's initial contact letter to the accused student.)

You should come to the hearing prepared to answer the accusation. Bring any relevant documentation that you think will support your case. After the accuser makes an initial statement, you will be invited to make a statement. Following this, questions may be asked, by you, your accuser, and members of the hearing board, to anyone present. For this purpose, both you and the accuser may bring witnesses, who can be asked questions by anyone present.

Note: If you request a hearing and the hearing board finds that you have provided it with false information concerning your case; you are liable for a second accusation of academic dishonesty. Students found guilty of more than one instance of academic dishonesty are subject to additional penalties, including suspension, expulsion, and permanent marks on their academic record.

Students who have been found guilty of academic dishonesty and, as a consequence, have been assigned a Q grade may not graduate with University honors.