

RIT Honor Code

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RIT HONOR CODE COMMITTEE CHARGE

- "Review RIT's current policies that relate to conduct, behavior, and values to determine how a formal code of conduct for the entire campus could complement and strengthen these policies" from Dr. Simone's memo dated January 23, 2006.

RIT HONOR CODE PROCESS

- Review of information from other colleges and universities – February/March
- Meeting with Trustee Liz Moore – April
- Second meeting with Dr. Simone - May
- Presentation of draft to Institute Council – May
- Review by Governance Groups – May-October

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- Complements current policies and procedures
- A statement of principle rather than a policy
- Applies to all members of the RIT community

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Integrity and strong moral character are valued and expected within and outside of the RIT community. As members of the RIT campus community, including students, trustees, faculty, staff, and administrators, we will:

- Demonstrate civility, respect, decency and sensitivity towards our fellow members of the RIT community, and recognize that all individuals at this university are part of the larger RIT family, and as such are entitled to that support and mutual respect which they deserve.
- Conduct ourselves with the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior. Such behavior includes taking responsibility for our own personal choices, decisions and academic and professional work.
- Affirm through the daily demonstration of these ideals that RIT is a university devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and a free exchange of ideas in an open and respectful climate.

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The RIT Honor Code encompasses other RIT policies and procedures which include:

- RIT Core Values
- RIT Diversity Statement
- Research Oversight Policy (C1.0)
- Misconduct in Research and Scholarship (C2.0)
- Intellectual Property Policy (C3.0)
- Conflict of Interest Policy Pertaining to Externally Funded Projects (C4.0)
- Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research (C5.0)
- Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment (C6.0)
- Code of Conduct for Computer and Network Use (C8.0)
- Policy with Respect to Demonstrations on Campus (C11.0)
- Drug and Alcohol Policies (C15.1 – Student; C15.2 – Faculty/Staff)
- Illegal Conduct (C18.0)
- Academic Honesty Policy (D8.0)
- Academic Conduct and Appeals Procedures (D17.0)
- RIT Student Conduct Process (D18.0)
- RIT Expectations for Community Behavior (found in Student Rights and Responsibilities)

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Communication Plan

- News & Events, Reporter Magazine, and portal.
- Add to new faculty and staff hire letters, President's Letter to deposited students, and Orientation Binders
- Discuss in New Faculty/Staff Orientation
- Post framed posters of the Code in public locations, i.e., Eastman Lobby, SAU Lobby

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Communication Plan

- Use in FYE classes as basis for discussion
- Quarterly newsletter with current case study for discussion
- Website to provide the text of the Honor Code, current and past editions of the newsletters, references to applicable policies and procedures, notification of related events, and discussion of related issues

RIT HONOR CODE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Annette Fagan, Staff Council
- Latty Goodwin, Director, FYE
- James Macchiano, 2005-06 Student Government
- Andrew Moore, Deans' Representative
- Mark Price, Academic Senate
- Sue Provenzano, Academic Affairs, Chair
- Greg Smith, 2005-06 Student Government
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- Questions?