

Faculty Senate Resolution 14–08 Support for Establishing an Academic Honor Code: The Tiger Creed

Introduced at the request of Student Government

Whereas Louisiana State University is the flagship institution in the state;

Whereas listed within the LSU Flagship 2020 Strategic plan are efforts to improve students' intellectual and personal development;

Whereas 11 out of 13 peer institutions have in place an "Honor Code" describing a philosophy agreed upon by the University community;

Whereas 5 of the 6 American Association of Universities have some form of an honor code in place;

Whereas an honor code has been constructed and voted favorably on by the Student Senate (SGR No. 7 & SGR No. 32);

Whereas both the Dean of Students and office of Student Advocacy and Accountability have provided their input and amendments to this constructed code;

Whereas the honor code, named the "Tiger Creed" shall appear below for such amendments that the faculty senate may deem necessary;

Title: LSU Tiger Creed

PURPOSE: The purpose of this shall be to establish an LSU Academic Creed for the University in order to cultivate an atmosphere of academic integrity in association with our Commitment to Community, to represent the passion of "loving purple, living gold" and upholding the excellence of LSU.

BODY:

"We, the students, faculty, and staff of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College, agree to uphold the following principles herein listed within this Creed in a united effort to maintain a philosophy of academic honesty, betterment and accountability for all those within the LSU community.

We, the students, vow to act honorably in all academic coursework. As such:

- 1) We agree to neither give nor receive unpermitted aid in examinations, reports, or any other work that is subject to the basis of grading.
- 2) We agree to actively take part in upholding our neighbors to such a standard prescribed in this Creed, including but not limited to, the reporting of any violations in the spirit of this Code.

We, the faculty and staff, vow to have utter confidence in the honor of all students. As such:

- 1) We agree to refrain from pursuing unreasonable precautions to prevent forms of academic dishonesty and to maintain a level of trust and honor of the students' commitment to this code.
- 2) We encourage methods of testing that foster upholding these principles listed within this Code.

Violations of these above principles will be considered a violation of this Creed. Students, faculty and staff may report any offense of this type to Student Advocacy and Accountability. Not reporting a potential violation of this Creed in itself shall not be considered a violation to this Code; however, any violation of the Tiger Creed shall be subject to the same accountability as the Code of Conduct.

The establishment of this Creed acknowledges that all students, faculty and staff of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College agree to commit to excellence and honor at all academic levels as well as personal integrity and responsibility.

Statement of acknowledgement of this Creed:

'On my honor, I affirm that I have upheld the standards listed within the Tiger Creed and that my academic work is the product of my sole unaided efforts.'

PROCEDURES:

This Tiger Creed shall be implemented immediately upon its approval. Students shall be instructed on this Tiger Creed during their respective orientation period.

Therefore be it resolved that an academic honor code for Louisiana State University be established immediately upon its passage by this body.