

QUT's Manual of Policies and Procedures

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Policy C/9.3 Procedures for academic dishonesty

Assessment at QUT is designed to promote and safeguard academic standards and academic integrity. Instances of academic dishonesty undermine fairness in assessment, and consequently, are not tolerated by the University. The following procedures balance the educative focus of assessment with the need to ensure that students do not gain an unfair advantage in undertaking assessment tasks. These procedures are underpinned by principles of procedural fairness.

Academic dishonesty is a breach of QUT's Student Rules relating to assessment, and penalties may be imposed under these procedures in accordance with Student Rule 29.

9.3.7 Appeals

A student upon whom a penalty has been imposed by the dean of faculty or the Registrar may appeal to the Appeals Committee of University Academic Board. The student must appeal within 10 working days of the date of the letter to the student advising of the findings and penalty imposed for academic dishonesty.

Appeals Committee (see section E/1.2) may consider all relevant evidence and documentation relating to the detection of academic dishonesty, findings of fact and penalties imposed. Appeals Committee has the authority, in determining the appeal, to conclude that the finding of academic dishonesty was wrong, to impose a lesser penalty or to make a finding that there has been a material departure from procedures resulting in unfairness to the student and thus warranting the allegation being referred back to the Registrar or the Faculty Committee to deal with afresh.

The Secretary to Appeals Committee will advise the student, and relevant officers of the University as appropriate, of the outcome of the appeal.