

## Vote on AB08-06: Revised SFA Policies and Procedures

Vote started October 5, 2008

Vote ended October 27, 2008

Text of resolution:

### **ACADEMY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

2. If a member does not have Internet/Email access, his/her CO/XO or designated educational officer may obtain course materials (which include the exams) and any other information contained in STARFLEET Academy; HOWEVER, this does not allow anyone, not even the CO/XO, to give out answers to the student. It will be considered cheating if any person gives or receives answers or assistance beyond that which is allowed in policy #3.

Cheating is defined as:

- a) an individual copying answers from another individual's exam and trying to pass it off as his/her own work;
- b) an individual giving answers to another individual so he/she can pass it off as his/her own work; and/or
- c) an individual receiving or giving answers for exams in a public setting such as a discussion list.

**PROCEDURE:** If an Academy Director suspects that cheating has taken place, he/she will notify the Vice Commandant and the Commandant and present evidence of said cheating. Evidence may be chat logs, BBS posts, comparison of exam answers, or other evidence that answers have been shared. The Vice-Commandant and Commandant will then investigate the evidence, and if the charge of cheating can be substantiated, the Commandant shall notify the individual(s) involved, as well as their chapter CO, as to the charges and evidence using the same method that they had submitted their exam.

Individuals suspected of cheating will be given the opportunity to explain their actions, that period being no longer than twenty-one (21) days from the date of notification if contacted via E-Mail or no longer than sixty (60) days from the date of notification if contacted by postal mail. If it is proven that cheating did indeed take place, the individuals as well as their CO, will be notified that a FAIL will be placed in the DB for those who were cheating. If the exam is OTS/OCC/FOS, then the RC will also be notified. If any individual accused of cheating wishes to appeal, he/she may do so starting with the next step in the chain of command: their Commanding Officer.

**FIRST OFFENSE:** The student will be allowed to take an alternate exam for the particular exam he/she cheated on, upon request, and after a 90-day suspension from said

exam. The student will receive only a grade of PASS after successful completion of the alternate exam.

**SECOND OFFENSE:** If a 2nd offense of cheating occurs, the individual(s) involved will be suspended from taking academy classes for six months. The individual(s) involved will be permanently ineligible for Boothby awards in the future; however, any and all Boothby awards earned up to this point will remain on the student's permanent record.

**THIRD OFFENSE:** If it is determined that a third incident of cheating occurs, there will be a review among the Director, Dean, Vice-Commandant, Commandant and the individual's CO to determine an appropriate penalty. If the exam involves the OTS, OCC, or FOS exams, the review will include the RC and possibly, as necessary, other members of the AB, as OTS, OCC and FOS are exams that may be required for some leadership positions in STARFLEET.

An individual who has already successfully taken and passed an Academy course and who is proven to have shared answers will not receive a failing grade on a course they have already successfully completed, however will still be subject to the same consequences and have the same opportunities for appeal in terms of suspensions and Boothby awards as the individual receiving answers and submitting them on an exam as his/her own."

The motion made by Region 13 (Dave Blaser), and was seconded by Region 15 (Doug Mayo).

**Report of the voting:**

R01: Aye	R05: Aye	R09: Aye	R13: Aye
R02: Aye	R06: Aye	R10: Aye	R14: Aye
R03: Aye	R07: Aye	R11: Nay	R15: Aye
R04: Nay	R08: Aye	R12: Nay	R17: Aye

By a vote of 13:03:00 this motion passes