COLORADO COLLEGE
Honor Council

Investigation Procedure Flow Chart

Case brought to council

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Co-chair assigns investigators

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Investigators meet with the accuser, the professor, any other witnesses, and then the accused student

↙ If the evidence suggests that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred, then the investigators will issue a charge.

↘ If there is a lack of sufficient evidence, then the case will be dropped.

↙ If a student admits to violating the Honor Code, then investigators will recommend a sanction to the professor, who has the final say

↘ If a student asserts they were not in violation of the Honor Code, then the case will go before a panel.

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A panel consisting of seven Honor Council members convenes. They hear from the investigators, the professor, the accuser, witnesses, and the accused student. They determine whether it is more likely than not that a violation occurred, in which case they recommend a sanction to the professor, who has the final say.

Flagrancy Procedure

If at any point in the investigation, the investigators believe the violation is flagrant, meaning it exhibits contempt or blatant disregard for the Honor Code, they meet with the supervising Co-Chair. If all three agree that the violation is potentially flagrant, then the Co-Chair will convene a flagrancy committee who determine if the violation is more likely than not flagrant. If there is a flagrant charge attached to the violation, then an additional sanction recommendation will be sent to the President of Colorado College if the violation is confirmed; this recommendation may result in suspension or expulsion. Certain violations will be automatically determined to be flagrant without a panel, as indicated in the Investigation Handbook. *Please see the Honor Code online or talk with your investigators for examples of flagrant violations and more information.*