The enclosed student rule change proposals were approved by the Rules and Regulation Committee on October 4, 2019. Our sincere apologies for the delay but a variety of personal situations had staff away from work and kept us from getting these to you sooner.

The Aggie Honor System Office staff submitted 3 rule change proposals:

1) Rule 20. The proposal is to change the word “dishonesty” to “misconduct” throughout the student rule. In addition to what is stated in their justification, the term “misconduct” is also used fairly consistently throughout the Student Code of Conduct.

2) **Rule 20.1.4.7.** The AHSO staff wished to clarify that after an act of academic dishonesty has been confirmed, the asterisk can be removed from a student’s transcript after completion of the educational sanctions, but the letter grade ‘F’ remains.

3) Rules 20.1.4.3 and 20.1.4.4. This rule change proposal simply involved moving one paragraph from the “educational sanctions” section of the rule to another section of the rule, “additional consequences,” where it was seen to be a better fit because the content of that paragraph did not describe an educational sanction but was, indeed, an additional consequence of the act of academic misconduct.

4) Rule 10.4.2. This rule change proposal, by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, intends to better articulate the current process that is occurring when a graduate student repeats a course in order to attain a higher grade. OGAPS also wanted to highlight the importance of any impact of repeating courses on specific financial aid programs and the rules related to any ‘F*’ grades.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 25, 2019

TO: Dr. Andrew Klein
    Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber
      Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revision to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. This change is for the following rule:

Changes to Aggie Honor System Rule 20.1.4.7 Removal of the F* grade and/or Honor Violation Probation

Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on October 4, 2019.
PROPOSAL

Any student who receives an “F*” will not be allowed to remove the asterisk (*) from their degree plan until the successful completion the AIDP. Both Undergraduate and Graduate students are not allowed to remove an “F” from a degree program, regardless of whether it was imposed for cheating or academic failure. A student who wishes to re-take the course may do so concurrently with the AIDP; but note that the two grades (the F earned for academic misconduct & the grade earned upon re taking the course) will be averaged.

JUSTIFICATION
Clarifies the F remaining once the asterisk is removed.

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20.1.4.7 REMOVAL OF THE F* GRADE AND/OR HONOR VIOLATION PROBATION

The student may file a written petition to the AHSO to have the grade of F* removed and permanently replaced with the grade of F. The decision to remove the grade of F* shall rest with the Director of the AHSO and is contingent upon the successful completion of the Academic Integrity Development Program (AIDP). The Director’s decision is final.

A student will remain on Honor Violation Probation until the F* is removed from the transcript. Additionally, the F* grade, or the F that remains when the “*” designation is removed, will not be eligible for any grade forgiveness or replacement action, and it must be considered in the calculation of a student’s Grade Point Ratio. An undergraduate student who receives an “F*” grade will not be allowed to remove the course from his/her degree plan until the successful completion the AIDP. Graduate students are not allowed to remove an “F” from a degree program, regardless of whether it was imposed for cheating or academic failure. A student who wishes to re-take the course may do so concurrently with the AIDP.

Any student who receives an F* will not be allowed to remove the asterisk (*) from their transcript until the successful completion of the AIDP. Both Undergraduate and Graduate students are not allowed to remove from a transcript an F that results from academic misconduct. A student who wishes to re-take the course may do so concurrently with the AIDP; but note that the two grades (the F earned for academic misconduct and the grade earned upon re-taking the course) will be averaged.

The student may file a written petition to the AHSO to have the Honor Violation Probation removed. The decision to remove the Honor Violation Probation shall rest with the Director of the AHSO and is contingent upon the successful completion of the Academic Integrity Development Program. The Director’s Decision is final.

There is a one-year time limit to complete the Academic Integrity Development Program. The one-year limit shall be calculated from the time that the sanction was applied, and will be the longer of one year past the original sanction date or one year past the date that the appeal is exhausted or finalized. In unusual circumstances, the Director of the AHSO may grant an extension of time.