

**MGA Feedback**  
**“Academic Integrity Register Business Rules”**  
**Academic Integrity Reference Group**  
**March 2020**

<p><b>GENERAL COMMENTS</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The MGA is a not-for-profit incorporated cross-campus student association. Our constituents are all Australian enrolled graduate students at Monash University.</li> <li>2. The MGA welcomes a consolidated, centralised transparent and advertised academic integrity register.</li> <li>3. We provide this feedback on the basis of having no access to internal University operational systems.</li> </ol>
<p><b>“SCOPE” AND “MISCONDUCT RULES”</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CE’s have investigative and limited decision-making powers and need to be mentioned here.</li> <li>2. <i>Are cases of suspected breach (which is not referred to RO) of academic integrity reported and recorded on this register? If yes, this should be clearly stated.</i></li> <li>3. Page 3 of the draft rules provides that “The official register is the record of findings of misconduct and warnings.” <i>What is considered a “finding” and will a warning necessarily follow a “finding”? Can you have a “finding” without a “warning”? Can a ‘finding’ be a “suspected finding”? Can a “finding” determine there was no breach and if so, will this be recorded? It would be good to have some explanation.</i></li> <li>4. Notices of allegations are on the register for reporting purposes, findings of guilt are also on the register. <i>What about all the ‘in between’ cases? For example, CEs conduct preliminary investigations. Are these investigations (suspected breaches) reported even if the matter is not progressed further?</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>“ACCESS TO REGISTER”</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Will there be a list of Academic Integrity Officers on-line? Students often have queries about being able to access information (about them) on the</i></li> </ol>

<p><b>And</b>  <b>“SEARCHING THE REGISTER”</b></p>	<p>register and it would be helpful to have a known point of contact.</p> <p>2. <i>What is an ‘acceptable use’ of this register? On what grounds is access granted and approved?</i> It would be very helpful for students to understand that access is limited to those staff associated with the discipline process and not the APC process, for example.</p>
<p><b>“REQUESTING ACCESS”</b></p>	<p><i>Does this section allow access by students, or their advocates with the student’s permission?</i></p>
<p><b>“STRUCTURE OF REGISTER”</b></p>	<p>For reporting purposes there should be a split between graduate and undergraduate student statistics.</p>
<p><b>MGA GENERAL COMMENTS &amp; RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>	<p>It would be good to refer all students to their respective student associations in the event they have queries about the register. MGA contact details:  <a href="mailto:mga-advocacy@monash.edu">mga-advocacy@monash.edu</a></p>