Statement of Faculty Responsibility

The faculty of the Russ College of Engineering and Technology acknowledge and accept the Statement on Professional Ethics in section I.A.1. of the Ohio University Faculty Handbook. With this Statement of Faculty Responsibility, the faculty of the Russ College of Engineering and Technology reaffirm their dedication to teaching and learning, to academic and professional integrity. They actively promote dedication to these values, and expect the same from all members of the Russ College community. Faculty are teachers and mentors, and continuously learning to increase their effectiveness in both roles.

- As instructors, faculty identify the crucial outcomes for an education in engineering and technology, implement learning experiences that encourage and challenge students to achieve those outcomes, and assess students’ progress based on the merits of their work. They regularly improve and update courses and programs.

- As advisors, faculty familiarize their students with the requirements of the program and the expectations of the profession, and help students develop strategies to meet them. Recognizing that the quality of graduate education in particular depends on the quality of advising, faculty regularly assess their graduate students’ professional achievements based on the merits of their work, and invite others to advise and instruct when needed.

- As researchers in a university environment, faculty pursue research to educate their students and themselves, as well as to reveal the truth. They require that research under their direction be conducted and reported honestly, and that credit be given where it is due. They mentor their research students towards becoming competent, independent researchers themselves.

- As colleagues, faculty search for examples of best practices and advocate for their wider adoption. Faculty offer and accept advice with respect. They offer and accept help willingly. They offer and accept praise gracefully. They give credit where it is due.

- As professionals, faculty follow the Code of Ethics established by a professional society in their discipline, and the policies and procedures of Ohio University and the Russ College. Their performance in professional work outside the university reflects positively on the Russ College and Ohio University, and does not interfere with their university responsibilities.

Faculty have a responsibility to act when they discover academic or professional misconduct. Examples of action to take include conversation with the individual, a group discussion of appropriate conduct, a report to a higher authority, or referral to an adjudication process, in accordance with personal judgment and university policy. Inaction is not acceptable.