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Ruiyu Mao
Sent electronically to rxm210041@utdallas.edu

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Regarding Case Number: 2022193601

Dear Mr. Mao (SID2021607420)

The Office of Community Standards and Conduct has been made aware that you were involved in an alleged violation of the [UT Dallas Student Code of Conduct \[UTDSP5003\]](#).

This is in reference to the allegation that you were involved in: This is about the final project of Computer Graphics (CS 6366.001) course. Descriptions of this final project are given in "CS6366-Project Proposal.pdf" and "CS6366-Final Project.pdf". Students were required to select one topic from the given suggested list of 10 topics, and implement the corresponding algorithms and coding.

The three students Ruiyu Mao (UTD-ID: 2021607420, NetID: rxm210041), Shlok Urmil Pujara (UTD-ID: 2021684888, NetID: sxp220146), and Samkit Saraf (UTD-ID: 2021668492, NetID: sxs220101) selected the 5th topic "Cloth Rendering of Different Fabric Types" as their final project topic. This is an independent project -- all students are expected to implement the project on their own. Unfortunately, their submitted implementations are identical to the codes provided in an online GitHub:

https://github.com/MatchaChoco010/path_tracer_cloth

The Student Code of Conduct states the following: *The Dean may initiate disciplinary proceedings under Section E against a student accused of a violation of the Code of Conduct upon complaint by a faculty member, staff member, student, or other source.* Your professor, Xiaohu Guo, alleges you may have committed a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. More specifically, the allegation is as follows:

1. §C.9.6(2) Cheating: Includes but is not limited to the use, attempted use, or providing of unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise; the use of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in completing any academic exercise.

Any type of discussion about questions and answers on assignments/tests, including those held in social media platforms and other electronic chat groups, may be considered cheating. Failure to submit a test within the timeframe allocated by the professor, whether in the classroom or in the University testing center, may be considered cheating. Academic exercise includes all forms of work submitted for credit or hours.

You are being provided three options to resolve these charges.

- 1. Choose not to dispute the facts upon which the charges are based, accept responsibility for the violation, and accept the sanction(s) outlined below.** If you choose this option, you will waive your right to a hearing before a University hearing officer/discipline committee, and accept the sanctions outlined below, understanding that a record of this violation will be maintained in the Office of Community Standards and Conduct for five years, and any additional violations of academic dishonesty will result in more severe sanctions.
- 2. Choose not to dispute the facts upon which the charges are based, accept responsibility for the violation, but elect to appeal the sanction(s) outlined below to the Vice President for Student Affairs.** If you choose this option, you waive your right to a hearing before a University hearing officer/discipline committee but can appeal the sanction to the Vice President of Student Affairs, understanding that a record of this violation will be maintained in the Office of Community Standards and Conduct for five years, and any additional violations of academic dishonesty will result in more severe sanctions. To appeal the sanction, you must submit your appeal to the Vice President of Student Affairs through email to appeals@utdallas.edu and provide an additional copy to the Dean at OCSC@utdallas.edu. The document should state the specific reasons for the appeal. The appeal must be received by the Vice President for Student Affairs no later than seven (7) days from the Response Form being submitted.
- 3. Choose to dispute the facts upon which the charges are based and NOT accept responsibility for the violation.** If you choose this option, a meeting with a conduct officer will be scheduled to discuss the allegations. A summons letter will be emailed to you once your meeting has been scheduled.

Accordingly, the following sanctions have been imposed based upon the nature of the violation(s) and consideration of any disciplinary history on file:

1. Your grade for CS 6366 Computer Graphics - Final Project has been changed to zero.

With respect to the information listed above, the following additional sanctions/stipulations apply:

Any subsequent violations of student conduct rules will result in a more severe penalty.

Any further violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in more serious sanctions. In addition, failure to satisfactorily complete any assigned sanction by the deadline will result in additional charges being filed for failure to comply.

In order to select your choice of the response options above, you will need to click on this link: [Academic Integrity Response Form](#) You are required to respond to the allegations by May 23, 2023. Should you fail to respond by this deadline, a meeting may be scheduled with a conduct officer and a hold may be placed on your account.

You may review the policies and procedures referenced in this letter by viewing the UT Dallas Student Code of Conduct [UTDSP5003]: [UT Dallas Student Code of Conduct. \[UTDSP5003\]](#)

Student Conduct allegations may cause distress for our students. If you are having concerns as a result of the disciplinary process, we are available to answer any questions you may have. You will find my contact information in the signature of this letter. Furthermore, if you are experiencing emotional distress, the Student Counseling Center is available to students. You can make an appointment by emailing: counselingcenter@utdallas.edu. You may also call the 24-hour UTD TALK crisis line at 972-883-8255.

Sincerely,

Shaquelle Massey
Director of Community Standards and Conduct