

CMSC 216: P3 Dispute Options

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Options for Dispute Resolution

About 60 students have been flagged on P3 Problem 1 as using illegitimate means to complete some part of their code. Those students have the following options to resolve this.

1. Do Nothing
2. Ask to resolve via the Office of Student Conduct (OSC)
3. Dispute in Person with Prof Kauffman

Option 1: Do Nothing

- ▶ Score on P3 Problem 1 remains 0
- ▶ This is a tacit admission of guilt
- ▶ If all other work in the course has been done legitimately, then no other repercussion forthcoming
- ▶ If irregularities on other project work emerge, you'll hear from Prof. Kauffman about it - may be a good idea to "self-report" now via email

Option 2: Resolve via the Office of Student Conduct

- ▶ Students that do not wish to attend an in-person dispute or cannot during the assigned period may request their case resolve via the Office of Student Conduct (OSC)
- ▶ Prof Kauffman will submit the evidence for the case to the OSC and the formal process will ensue
- ▶ University policy is, if found responsible for cheating on a major graded assignment, the sanction is an XF grade in the course (Failure due to academic misconduct)
- ▶ Email if you wish to pursue this option

Option 3: In-Person Dispute

- ▶ Students may visit IRB 2226 2-4pm on Fri 21-Nov to dispute the flag in person with Prof. Kauffman
- ▶ Students will have a one-on-one interview with Prof. Kauffman and be examined on their understanding of and reasoning for the code that they submitted as their own; interviews will be 5-8 minutes long
- ▶ Interview audio will be recorded by Prof. Kauffman and students wanting an interview must consent to be recorded
- ▶ Students who demonstrate a good understanding of their work and can explain their reasons for using certain conventions will have Problem 1 regraded as normal
- ▶ Students who do not convince Prof. Kauffman will be sent to the OSC with a recommended sanction of an XF grade in the course; the recording of the interview will be used as evidence in the case
- ▶ In-Person disputes are recommended for students that legitimately completed all parts of Problem 1 themselves, own their work, and feel they are being unfairly accused
- ▶ **In-Person disputes are discouraged for students who used AI or Compiler-code to complete their work** and are now trying to explain work that is not their own
- ▶ If you posted on Reddit about how to “get away” with AI use you are discouraged from coming