Reflection on Purpose and Merits of Emory Honor Code

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Emory University is one of the oldest private universities in the United States with an honorable history. It’s honor code has been thought as the most fundamental standard that every student in the university should follow in any situations. At Emory, the honor code is not only a concern with student’s cheating problem but also ask students to be fully responsible for their behavior and to be honorable men. By obeying the honor code of Emory university, students here are trustworthy, and thus reflect a great value of education. To judge the education, students’ academic performance is only one of the factors. Their ethical standard is even more important for the purpose of education. Only with the ethical upright can a person contribute their knowledge to the society with good will.

I, as a student in Emory university, are supposed to always keep the honor code in mind but in Math 328 test, my misbehavior violated the honor code. During the test, I disobeyed the first article one in the honor code, which is attempting to look at or copy another student’s exam. I know my behavior do not have any honor and I do acknowledge that my behavior had a bad effect on the overall class environment. I feel very regret about what I have done and deeply apologize for the influence of my own behavior. After the test, even though the professor gives my another chance to keep in the class, every moment, a feeling of regret came to my mind and enforced me to think about my unforgivable fault. My misbehavior made me not eligible to be a student in Emory university and what I have done shows my irresponsibility to my action. I spent plenty of time to introspect myself and engraved the honor code in my mind.

The purpose of the honor code, for the university, is to ensure the professional standards and education quality. Emory university assume that every student in the university are trustworthy and would never do the action that is not honorable. To implement the honor code, university regulate student’s behavior by stating misbehaviors. It makes clear for student to uphold the code and allow university to be able to manage student’s misconduct. Every semester, the professors, at Emory, explain the honor code to the class at the beginning of the course. The explanation underscores a sense of honor for both students and faculties and allows them keep the honor code in mind. Emory university requires every student’s work to be evaluated by the honor code. Students and faculties pledge to obey the honor code under any circumstances, which ensure the originality and creativity for their academic work. Because of honor code, the people in Emory keep improving themselves and pursue high academic achievements.

Instead of the only listing the misconduct of student, the honor code also includes a full procedure of legal proceedings. The process of accusing, hearings and appeals ensures the equality of the honor code and reflects the virtues of the Emory university. Students not only have the rights to report the misconduct but also have the rights to explain what was happened. Any discovery of violation can be reported and the accusation requires an evidence-based investigation. The proper penalty for the violation would be discussed by the group of honor council members with unanimous vote but not based on the individual decision. Additionally, the equality of honor code in Emory university can be also express in another way. Every students and faculties have the equal ability to submitted the accusation, there is no discrimination between students and faculty and therefore each individual at university are the same under the honor code.

The purpose of the honor code, for the student, is to enforce them to be responsible for their own actions. At Emory, the honor code accord with student’s perspectives. Every sentences list in the honor code are proposed, analyze, and will implement by students. From the student’s prospective, enforcing the honor code would create a better academic environment for their education. The honor code would nurture the individual accountability for student’s work and also build a strong appreciation for academic honesty. To follow the Emory honor code is the student’s own requirement for themselves to be responsible for academic works. Emory honor code not only enforces student to be honest to their academic work, but also fosters a sense of honor to all their actions and behaviors. Consequently, Emory university produces the top-class elite who contribute to the society. Honor code give the student the free space for all their academic works and also ensure the integrity of the works. On the one hand, it forbid people to plagiarize from other people, which enforce students to complete their work to their own best ability. On the other hand, the honor code also protects the original idea of student’s work. To emphasize the purpose of honor code, students pledge to obey the rule before every test and also many assignments. It seems as a trivial and repetitive process, but by doing these, students are able to continuously remind themselves their works should reflect their own idea and personal knowledge.

In order to actively implement the honor code among students, the honor council at Emory is comprised by both faculties and students. Students actively participate in the honor council allow them have own judgment of how to develop the academic integrity. Every member in the honor council is choose by the student election. To become the honor council member, a student must not under the penalty of conduct probation and require a petition signed by twenty-five students. The standard of being a member ensure that student in honor council are responsible for their own work and their integrity is recognized by other students. High quality of members in honor council increase the efficiency of implementation of honor code and also promotes the academic integrity.

The purpose and merits of Emory honor code is reciprocal benefit for both university and student. It ensures the university’s high quality academic and ethical standard and enforce people to fully accountable for their works. My misconduct violated the Emory honor code and I acknowledge the seriousness of my action. It is really thankful that I have a chance to correct my misconduct. I promise that I will keep Emory honor code in my mind and will never do what I have done in the test.