



A SUSPICION OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

THE ONUS, OR BURDEN OF PROOF, IS ON THE UNIVERSITY TO SHOW THAT *IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT* THAT THE STUDENT COMMITTED ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT.

Through a procedurally fair, education-focused, and unbiased method of natural justice, one argument is found to be stronger and more persuasive than the other for a finding of misconduct. This is based on valid and relevant information presented by all parties involved. Unlike Criminal Law, which is meant to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, the threshold for academic misconduct is based on the balance of probabilities, like in Civil Law. The scale of probabilities must be tipped to 51% yes for a finding of misconduct to be supported.