Statement of Academic Integrity

The Lafayette College Mechanical Engineering department is an academic community that values intellectual endeavor, development, and discovery. While collaborative exploration of ideas is often encouraged, standards of academic honesty must be maintained by all members of our community. Members of the Lafayette Mechanical Engineering community are expected to bear individual responsibility for their work, to learn and follow the rules and definitions that underlie the practice of academic integrity, and to uphold its ideals. Our community does not tolerate acts of academic dishonesty and will report incidents of alleged academic dishonesty for investigation; examples of unacceptable academic conduct that violate our shared standards include (a) using ideas, text, images, calculations or software received from others, including classmates or other resources, without proper acknowledgment; (b) soliciting unauthorized assistance or copying answers from other students; or (c) obtaining, using, or copying the textbook author’s or an instructor’s solutions without authorization. Because faculty will define the parameters for any acceptable academic collaboration in their syllabi, ignorance of the standards is not an acceptable excuse for violating them.