

[In these minutes: OSCAI Update, Discussion of McCabe Survey]

STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

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PRESENT: Eric Watkins (Chair), Dana Davis, Sharon Dzik, Patricia Fillipi, Jennifer Goodnough, Mariya Ivanova, Laura Coffin Koch, Patrick McNamara, Francisco Ocampo, Tom Shield, LeAnn Snow.

REGRETS: Levi Atinda,.

GUESTS: Jessica Kuecker Grotjohn, Cat Riley.

1. OSCAI UPDATE

Sharon Dzik reported on the International Center for Academic Integrity Conference that she recently attended. The participants were mostly academics and the topics focused on being proactive and enforcement. She noted that this organization was formed almost 20 years ago and at this milestone is reviewing its five fundamental values – Honesty, Trust, Respect, Fairness, and Responsibility - to determine if they still represent academic integrity or need to be updated. She then reviewed notes that she took from the sessions she attended.

Q: What types of institutions attended the conference?

A: There was a mix of types of institutions, but many Big Ten schools were represented.

She then said that the email to all Twin Cities instructors was sent this week. She forwarded the message to the coordinate campuses since this message is campus-specific and would need to be sent from the appropriate office at each campus.

Her office is preparing its annual report, which will show an increase of almost 100 scholastic dishonesty cases from the previous year, and she wondered if the report should separate online and in-person classes in the report.

Members made the following comments:

- Is there value in distinguishing the type of class?
- Is the distinction of lecture versus exam/assignment more important?
- Is cheating outside a class reported separately?

It was decided that the annual report would not be changed at this time.

2. DISCUSSION OF MCCABE SURVEY

Eric Watkins noted that the Twin Cities campus participated in the McCabe Survey in 2004 and the plan is to survey the campus again in February 2012. He presented the current McCabe survey and the Minnesota version from 2004. The goal is to have a final version ready in

December, therefore he asked members to review the surveys and send him any comments by November 30. Members suggested paying attention to questions regarding online teaching and maybe adding a few questions if none exist.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Eric Watkins thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate