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STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

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PRESENT: Tom Shield (Chair), Lisa Anderson, Sarah Angerman, Dana Davis, Sharon Dzik, Jennifer Goodnough, Laura Coffin Koch, Randy Moore, Andrew Olson, Eric Watkins.

REGRETS: Arthur Carlson, Kendall King, Lesley Scibora.

1. OSCAI UPDATES

Sharon Dzik presented survey results on student disciplinary background checks that was conducted with Pam Freeman from Indiana University for presentation at a national conference. The goal was to ask different types of professional programs to assess what outcome, if any, undergraduate student discipline charges have on their admissions. She plans to use these results with faculty and students when they are concerned about future consequences.

She then asked members if a student's academic advisor should be copied on scholastic dishonesty reports. Members made the following comments:

- DUGS or DGS should be the ones copied on their reports
- These reports might help an advisor when speaking with a student
- Advisors do not always have a holistic picture of a student
- There can be ramifications if an advisor finds out about a report later since sometimes these people are asked to write a letter of recommendation for a student
- Sometimes faculty are advisors but this is not always the case

Lastly she noted that there have already been more cases this year than last.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Shield noted that this year the committee met with two of the professional schools to learn about their processes for scholastic dishonesty. While the committee was hoping that their processes would be more comprehensive, the results from these two schools were not reassuring. Their will be follow-ups next year as well as discussions with the remaining schools.

Other items for next year include communications and education on scholastic dishonesty to faculty who have missed the previous messages and how to treat students consistently throughout the processes on campus.

A member again suggested that an immutable 'F' be considered for use within the University. It would not have to be reported outside on a transcript, but would allow better reporting to OSCAI.

The committee suggested that Vice Provost McMaster ask the undergraduate colleges to submit their procedures to OSCAI if they have them.

With no further business, Tom Shield thanked the members for their service this year and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate