

[In these minutes: Updates and changes to the Student Conduct Code]

STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

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PRESENT: Eric Watkins (Chair), Dana Davis, Sharon Dzik, Laura Coffin Koch, Francisco Ocampo, Tom Shield, LeAnn Snow.

REGRETS: Levi Atinda, Patricia Fillipi, Jennifer Goodnough.

1. OSCAI UPDATE

Sharon Dzik reported that she will be presenting the 2010-11 annual report at this month's Council of Undergraduate Deans (CUE) meeting and will present it to SAIC at the next meeting.

Q: What are the fall 2011 statistics?

A: The reporting numbers are up, likely due to the email to instructors that was sent prior to midterms.

2. UPDATE ON MCCABE SURVEY

Eric Watkins reported that the McCabe survey was run on this campus in 2004 with a group of faculty and students. This year's survey will be administered in late February and early March, prior to spring break.

3. UPDATE ON TURNITIN.COM

Eric Watkins said that the University used Turnitin.com previously before it switched to SafeAssign which is available through WebVista. However when the University stopped using this service, it needed a new option that would work with Moodle.

A committee member stated that instructors were told that Turnitin.com will not be active for two months in Moodle, so instructors are forced to continue using WebVists until that time.

Eric Watkins stated that he would follow-up on this issue.

4. UPDATE ON WITHDRAWAL EMAIL

Eric Watkins noted that he will be meeting with the Registrar's Office after today's meeting to discuss an email to instructors when students withdraw from classes. Once the details are determined, he will notify committee members.

5. DISCUSSION OF STUDENT CONDUCT CODE CHANGES

Sharon Dzik presented the revised sections of the Student Conduct Code that deal with student academic integrity. These changes include:

- Definition of plagiarism added
- ‘Disruptive classroom conduct’ has been changed to ‘Disruption of the academic environment’
- Some laws have been pulled out into their own sections
- An introductory paragraph was added to the sanctions section to show what factors are considered
- New sanction to cover academics was added

Members made the following comments:

- Definition needs to include research as well as ideas
- Paraphrasing should be retained as students only consider direct quotes to be plagiarism
- Definition is meant to pertain to intellectual property
- Use of ‘student development’ in the sanctions paragraph is unclear and is too subjective
- Academic sanction list is not all inclusive so it either needs to be or all examples should be removed

Q: How are students introduced to the Code?

A: It is discussed at orientation and welcome week, and also is covered in an email from Vice Provost Rinehart.

The revised Code will be presented to the Regents in May and June so that it can be implemented July 1.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Becky Hippert
University Senate