

[In these minutes: Academic integrity in the admissions process]

STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002

9:30 – 11:00

300 MORRILL HALL

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PRESENT: Dorothy Anderson (Chair), Mark Bellcourt, Shawn Curley, Betty Hackett, Melissa Hagel, Laura Coffin Koch, Dan Oberg, Robert Pepin, David Roberts, Daniel Svedarsky, Mickey Trent.

ABSENT: Abu Jalal, Elizabeth McCann, Carston Wagner.

GUESTS: Wayne Sigler.

1. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT IN THE ADMISSIONS BOOKLET

Professor Anderson welcomed Wayne Sigler to the meeting. The purpose of this visit was for an update on the proposal from SAIC last spring that language on academic integrity be added to the admissions booklet.

Wayne Sigler, Director of Admissions, said that the current admissions booklet is too long and detailed, so it is currently being streamlined. The decision was then made to place the statement, verbatim, in the new student brochure. This brochure is given to all students once they are admitted to the University.

Q: How is the brochure used?

A: All students receive the brochure along with their admittance letter. A version of the brochure is also being developed for transfer students, and the statement will be included in there as well.

Q: Do graduate students receive a similar brochure?

A: He was not sure.

Professor Anderson said that an inquiry will be made of the coordinate campuses to see if they have a similar brochure in which the language can be included. Once students are at the University, they will receive the same information from other sources.

In closing, Wayne Sigler noted that the statement will remain in current versions of the brochure unless he receives notice of any language changes.

2. OSAI UPDATES

Betty Hackett provided the following update:

- She visited the Duluth Campus on November 20 to discuss prevention and reporting mechanisms for academic integrity
- Her office may be involved with copyright infringement and bandwidth issues emanating from the dorms and University accounts
- She has met with central administration regarding initiatives, goals, and the caseload for OSAI; there are 184 cases currently with fewer classroom disruption cases from last year.
- Student Conduct Code revisions are being discussed with many committees on campus
- Revisions are small but significant, including contemporary language

Q: What changes were made to the scholastic dishonesty item?

A: Plagiarism was moved to the top of the list, wording was added on improper collaboration, and a statement was added on submitting incomplete information.

Q: When do students see the Code?

A: Students receive a copy at orientation, it is printed in the course catalog, and an advertisement is printed in the *Minnesota Daily* during the first week of classes each semester.

Committee members noted that it might be important for the revised Code, once approved, to be printed in the *Minnesota Daily* so that students realize that changes have been made.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Dorothy Anderson thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate