

[In these minutes: Review of fall semester OSAI statistics, Discussion of the report with Craig Swan]

STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

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PRESENT: Micky Trent (Chair), Sharon Dzik, Linda Jones, Laura Coffin Koch, Robert Pepin, David Sullivan-Nightengale.

REGRETS: Dorothy Anderson, Lizette Barthodhi, Shawn Curley, Jeremy Deitz, Derek Johnson, Meghan Keil, Paul Myers.

GUESTS: Craig Swan.

1. REVIEW OF FALL SEMESTER OSAI STATISTICS

Sharon Dzik distributed the fall semester statistics on scholastic dishonesty violations reported to her office. She said that while the overall numbers are low, the collegiate distribution is typical.

A committee member suggested that the reporting could be sent to all faculty each semester to increase the number of violations reported.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT WITH CRAIG SWAN

Before Craig Swan joined the meeting, Micky Trent said that the comments have been organized and there are a few identifiers present in the comments. Some have been easy to remove while others have been harder. The Pioneer Press wants the data and she would like to know what information can be released and what additional sanitizing is needed.

Committee members suggested that the General Counsel should review the data and comments that refer to particular colleges or departments should be removed or re-worded. The General Counsel should also give approval before any data is released.

Craig Swan then joined the meeting and was given a review of the history of the survey. He made the following comments:

- Low response rate compared to general University surveys
- Committee should develop a follow-up plan
- Committee does not need to issue a press release or release the comments
- Some data can be retained for internal use
- FERPA issues also need to be determined
- Dan Wolters from the University News Service should be contacted about handling the press release
- Council of Undergraduate Deans should be used to determine what other groups should receive the results

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Micky Trent said that once a press conference appointment was established, the date and time would be shared with all committee members.

Sharon Dzik then said that she is conducting two searches for positions in her office. She would like committee involvement, and therefore has asked Shawn Curley to serve on the interview panel.

With no further business, Micky Trent thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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