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STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

2:30 – 4:00 PM

510 MORRILL HALL

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PRESENT: Shawn Curley (Chair), Sarah Angerman, Mark Bellcourt, Sharon Dzik, Linda Jones, Laura Coffin Koch, Paul Myers, Robert Pepin, Micky Trent.

GUESTS: Kathy Skelton.

1. OSAI BUSINESS

Sharon Dzik noted that OSAI will be holding an open house at the office tomorrow from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. All members are invited to attend. She also mentioned an upcoming Center for Academic Integrity Conference. She and the Assistant Director will be attending, but she would welcome a faculty member as well since this group was represented by most of the other participating schools last year. Shawn Curley is not able to attend, so she opened the invitation to all members; Mark Bellcourt expressed interest.

She then distributed the annual report for her office, drawing attention to academic dishonesty reports. Members asked that the numbers be sorted by the following categories:

- Type of offense (ex: plagiarism, collaboration)
- Age
- Year in School
- Sanction received
- Number of repeat offenders
- Percentage of students who met with OSAI

Q: Can you tell the type of student (i.e. transfer, non-campus, etc) from the information you receive?

A: No, but the office was considering asking students to self-identify some of these variables.

2. FOLLOW-UP NEEDED IN PRESENTING THE SURVEY RESULTS TO RELEVANT

GROUPS

Shawn Curley discussed the background of the SAIC student academic integrity survey. He noted that the committee reported to a few Senate committee last spring, but still needs to meet with the Council of Undergraduate Deans (CUD), Council of Graduate Deans, and College Student Affairs Administrators (CSAA).

Q: Would this topic be covered by any of the strategic planning task forces?

A: Possibly student service or faculty culture, but this would need to be confirmed.

A member noted that the committee is seeking input from these groups as to if, when, and how academic integrity information is disseminated to their members. This feedback would form the basis for focus groups.

3. NEXT STEPS: TARGET GROUPS AND QUESTIONS TO ASK

Members made the following comments:

- Does the committee need to be involved in meetings with each college handled by OSAI? Should individual meetings be scheduled or should colleges be scheduled in groups? Meetings should talk about the survey, discuss faculty reporting, and offer SAIC services, but it is best to hear the college situation first.
- Committee and survey should promote awareness of campus
- Department heads should be targeted, as well as average faculty members
- Behavior needs to be modified
- When presenting to groups, they should be asked the best ways to distribute the data
- Need to find out what works best in each college
- Some groups may want a more detailed presentation
- Committee was formed at a crucial time and now needs to find a function
- Need to dispel myths
- SAIC and OSAI should help facilitate student academic integrity discussions in merged colleges

4. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Shawn Curley thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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University Senate