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STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

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PRESENT: Tom Shield (Chair), Sarah Angerman, Mark Bellcourt, Shawn Curley, Sharon Dzik, Linda Jones, Fernando Trinciante, Erin West.

ABSENT: Laura Coffin Koch, Amanda Kossak, Paul Myers, Robert Pepin, Kari Sivula, Micky Trent..

GUESTS: Debbie Gettemy.

1. DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATION AT CUD MEETING

Tom Shield reported that SAIC's proposal was presented at the CUD meeting last week. The feedback was positive with members supporting the comments and a summary report from OSCAI to the colleges as well as CUD.

He distributed the updated reporting process and form, which stipulates that it is for undergraduates only and includes checkboxes listing preliminary steps for the faculty member to take. For the notification process, the college office has been eliminated as they will now receive summary reports. The last paragraph emphasizes the education and training that is needed for the DUGs.

He stated that OSCAI will be in charge of implementation to allow individual help for each college. He would like SAIC approval at the next meeting so that it can be forwarded to OSCAI for implementation and reported to the University Senate next fall.

2. DISCUSSION OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AS RELATED TO S/N GRADING VERSUS A/F

Tom Shield then said that according to the Educational Policy Committee's (SCEP) grading policy, there is no affect on a student's GPA if the student receives an 'N' due to academic dishonesty, but an 'F' grade does factor into a student's GPA. Should grades due to academic dishonesty not be bracketed on a transcript and always be counted in a student's GPA?

A second issue is that CLA has a policy preventing a student from withdrawing from a class

when an academic dishonesty violation is pending. Should this policy be extended to all colleges?

A member said that students know the consequences when they cheat and they should not be able to get out of situations through loopholes. Another member noted that faculty reporting might be affected if they knew what students can do when a report is not made.

Tom Shield said that he would draft a memo to be sent to SCEP, asking them to look at the issues raised by this committee. He would bring the memo to the next meeting for committee review.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Tom Shield thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate