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STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007

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PRESENT: Tom Shield (Chair), Sarah Angerman, Mark Bellcourt, Shawn Curley, Sharon Dzik, Laura Coffin Koch, Robert Pepin, Erin West.

REGRETS: Linda Jones, Amanda Kossak, Paul Myers, Kari Sivula, Micky Trent, Fernando Trinciante.

GUEST: Debbie Gettemy.

1. APPROVE RECOMMENDED PROCESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC DISHONESTY REPORTING

Tom Shield asked the committee to approve the undergraduate reporting process this year so that the graduate and professional process can be developed next year. Committee approval will officially send the process to OSCAI with a recommendation for implementation. It will also be reported to the Faculty Senate next October.

Members suggested that the language should also be sent to CUD so the Associate Deans can distribute it to their faculty. The process should also be linked from the SAIC and OSCAI websites, as well as the myU portal, faculty one-stop, and CUD portal. Lastly members noted that it should be clearly stated that this process only applies to the Twin Cities.

The committee then approved the process.

2. N GRADE ISSUES AND THE 'IMMUTABLE F' GRADE

Tom Shield presented a summary of issues with the N/F grading and asked for committee approval to forward them to the Educational Policy Committee (SCEP).

Members made the following comments:

- Some of these changes might be difficult to achieve within PeopleSoft
- Maybe a different grade should be noted for academic dishonesty?

- It is legitimate to send these issues to SCEP, but this committee does not need to have all the answers. SCEP will determine how to implement these changes.
- Proposal should go through CUD over the summer since SCEP will not meet again until September

Sharon Dzik said that the document should be clear that not being able to replace an 'F' grade for academic dishonesty is a second issue. A third issue for SCEP should be instituting a University-wide policy that does not allow students to withdraw from a class when they have been accused of academic dishonesty.

A member then noted that students usually come to advisors to withdraw from a class, but advisors will not know if there is an academic dishonesty violation pending. Another member stated that the system could be modified to automatically email a faculty member when a student withdraws from a class, and this email should include language about any policy not allowing withdrawals due to academic integrity and who to contact with questions.

Tom Shield said that he would incorporate today's suggestions and circulate another draft this summer for review.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Sharon Dzik thanked everyone for their participation and work this year. She then noted the Debbie Gettemy will be leaving the University this summer. Lastly, she asked Erin West to provide a report early next year on the Law School academic integrity process.

With no further business, Tom Shield thanked the members for their service this year, especially members rotating off the committee, and adjourned the meeting.

Becky Hippert
University Senate