

[In these minutes: OSCAI Annual Report, Discussion of change to Use of Personal Electronic Devices Policy]

STUDENT ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COMMITTEE (SAIC)

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012

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PRESENT: Eric Watkins (Chair), Levi Atinda, Dana Davis, Sharon Dzik, Patricia Fillipi, Jennifer Goodnough, Laura Coffin Koch, Francisco Ocampo, Tom Shield, LeAnn Snow.

GUESTS: Jessica Kuecker Grotjohn.

1. OSCAI UPDATE

Sharon Dzik said that she will be leaving for China in a few days to talk about academic integrity for Chinese students who will be studying at the University. She has been working on a pre-departure video for students that includes orientation standards.

2. OSCAI ANNUAL REPORT

Sharon Dzik noted that there were 269 scholastic dishonesty cases in 2010-11, compared to 188 cases the previous year. She thinks that the increase is due to the email that was sent to faculty this year.

Members then made the following comments:

- Duluth number is low
- Penalty to re-do an assignment should be assessed in conjunction with another academic sanction
- International students are still an issue
- Report should use the student enrollment in all classes in a college instead of the number of students in that college
- Most faculty still do not report, which does not allow the University to identify repeat violators
- Some faculty who go through the process do not want to do it again
- More students are reporting students and asking faculty to make a report
- Freshmen seminars should be targeted to get the message to new students
- Students should be asked to be actively involved in the process

3. UPDATE ON MCCABE SURVEY

Eric Watkins reported that the survey has been sent and responses are being received.

4. DISCUSSION OF CHANGE TO USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Tom Shield noted that the Use of Personal Electronic Device Policy covers recording lectures without permission, but he has been seeing an increase in students making copies of exams with cell phones or pens. He believes that the policy should be broadened to include these exclusions.

Members then made the following comments:

- Is copying an exam an intellectual property issue or scholastic dishonesty?
- Is it cheating if the student has not given the copied exam to someone else?
- How can faculty enforce a policy when they do not know if it is happening?
- Faculty should include a statement in their syllabus
- It is hard to include every example in the policy
- It appears that this is only happening in one college at this time

Members determined that the College of Science and Engineering policy should be amended to prevent this issue in that college's courses.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Eric Watkins thanked the members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

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University Senate