

Academic Integrity Council

Official Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

HyFlex meeting: Frazier Hall room 214, ZOOM

In Attendance: Nancy Legge, Curtis Whitaker, Brooke Buffat

By ZOOM: Taher Deemyad, Ruiling Guo, Brenda Jacobsen, Chris Owens, Lucie Pelland, Abraham Romney

Ex Officio by ZOOM: Hala Abou Arraj

Absent: Amy Petersen, MaKynlee Adams, Representative for the Provost/Academic Affairs Office, Representative for ETS

Recording Secretary: Lisa Hunt

- I. Welcome
- II. Review: AIC and Policy #4000
 - a. Reworking the policy to integrate the AIC
 - i. AIC Members may be asked to serve on panels regarding academic dishonesty. Under the new policy, if a student has three infractions of any kind, the AIC will determine whether a hearing is necessary to consider whether the student be suspended or expelled.
 - ii. AIC Members may be also asked to serve on panels regarding scholastic appeals (when a student appeals a final grade or a program dismissal and disagrees with a Dean's decision).
 - iii. Panel members should not be from the same College as the student is from in order to ensure impartiality.
 - b. AIC Website Update
 - i. If members have any feedback about what should be contained within the AIC website, please send supplemental materials to Nancy or Curtis.

- ii. AIC recommends that every class syllabus contain a clear statement regarding academic integrity. It is strongly suggested to include AI usage in the statement and to provide a link to ISUPP 4000.
- iii. The AIC website includes an academic dishonesty incident form; ongoing revisions to it are intended to make it easier for faculty to use in filing a report.
- iv. ISUPP 4000 relies on faculty members to make it clear what constitutes cheating in their classes; faculty syllabi need to be clear and linked to policy.

c. Turnitin Update

- i. It can be difficult to detect incidents of academic dishonesty without using Turnitin. Dishonesty may include a student using a single assignment turned in more than once (called “double dipping”), turning in someone else’s work as one’s own, plagiarizing, etc.
- ii. AIC recommends using Turnitin in conjunction with other tools in detecting AI. If Turnitin’s parameters are followed, the detection rate is high and provides faculty with more information and nuance in addressing instances of academic dishonesty.
- iii. Faculty should bear in mind that false positives do occur with Turnitin and use the tool in an informed manner, with perspective on the data it provides. Some studies have found that international students may have a higher false positive rate of AI because of their use of Grammarly or other platforms to help them with meanings and translation in their writing.

III. Elections: Upcoming elections and terms of AIC members

- a. Like other Faculty Senate Councils, the AIC staggers its terms for representatives so that everyone does not cycle off at the same time. This schedule of terms will provide continuity in Council matters. Terms will be three years.
 - i. Seats that are up for election for the 2024-2025 term: College of Health and College of Technology
 - ii. Seats up for election for the 2025-2026 term: College of Education, College of Pharmacy, and College of Science and Engineering

- iii. Seats up for election for the 2026-2027 term: College of Arts and Letters and College of Business

IV. Discussion Items

- a. Current Trends/Problems/Concerns about Academic Integrity
 - i. Scholastic Appeals Panels, that is ad hoc panels that address individual cases, are scheduled to go into effect in Fall of 2024.
 - ii. FPPC is currently revising ISUPP #4000, ensuring compatibility with other ISU policy on multiple issues.
 - iii. Triggers for a dishonesty hearing include the following: failing a class twice for dishonesty; being written up three times for academic dishonesty of any sort; committing an act of dishonesty so egregious that the Instructor requests a hearing.
 - iv. Dishonesty panels will have three faculty members and two students with voting rights; this makeup changes the prior policy of three faculty and three students.
 - v. If a case of academic integrity arises at the end of a semester, the hearing will mostly likely be held the following semester.
 - vi. The process for scheduling a hearing first involves reading various documents, including the student's petition, reports from the instructor, and input from the Chair and Dean of the college. A hearing typically involves one meeting.

- b. The AIC fall semester meeting will (tentatively) be scheduled for the first week of November, 2024.

V. Adjourned – 5:02pm