

Draft Faculty Senate Agenda Item

Date: September 26, 2005

Number: 5-03

Subject: Forming an Academic Integrity Committee

Description:

The Center for Academic Integrity (CAI, a consortium of 200 colleges and universities, including Washburn) defines "academic integrity" as "a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility." The CAI states further: "From these values flow principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals into action."

One of the goals of Washburn University's Academic Plan is to "foster from admission to graduation a culture of academic integrity among students, faculty and administration." Last spring, faculty gathered for two dinner discussions and a faculty development workshop to discuss this important topic. Based on these discussions, Washburn has purchased from the CAI its "Assessment Guide: Promoting Academic Integrity, Transforming Institutional Culture." The guide provides the materials needed to conduct a process to evaluate the state of academic integrity on the campus and to make recommendations for improvement. With the guide comes consulting help from the CAI.

1. We propose that the Faculty Senate form an ad hoc and temporary Academic Integrity Committee for a two year term. The committee's charge is to administer the assessment instruments provided by the Council on Academic Integrity (<http://www.academicintegrity.org/>) in "Assessment Guide: Promoting Academic Integrity and Transforming Institutional Culture) and consult local resources in formulating
 - a. An assessment of academic integrity at Washburn University, and
 - b. Recommendations to the Faculty Senate for action.

The committee should consist of

- 4 members of the Faculty Senate appointed by the Executive Committee (one of whom will be elected chair)
- 3 at large faculty members (not in the Faculty Senate) appointed by the Executive Committee
- 2 academic deans appointed by the VPAA
- the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA) (ex officio, non voting)
- the President and Vice President of WSGA or their designees
- the Dean of Students
- the Vice President of Student Affairs

The faculty members of the committee will be chosen to assure representation of all the major academic units. The committee will send its report to the Faculty Senate by May of 2007.

Requested Action:

Faculty senate approval

Originated by:

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Amended & Resubmitted by:

Academic Affairs Committee