

Academy Integrity Committee (AIC) Annual Report 2015-2016

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Committee Mission

This committee works with the Office of Student Integrity to help review general policies dealing with matters of academic misconduct.

Merging Academic Integrity Committee and the Student Honor Committee

It has been put forth by the executive board that the Student Honor Committee should be merged into the Academic Integrity Committee. This is due to the low number of cases that the Student Honor Committee is reviewing because many of the cases are handled by OSI. However, with the relatively new sanction model the Student Honor Committee has started to see more cases. The AIC committee proposed that we delay the merging for one year to see if the number of cases that the SHC increases.

The Rise of Plagiarism Software and Concerns of Students

The BOR legal affairs is recommending that courses notify students prior to registration as to whether the course uses plagiarism software (like TurnItIn, MyDropBox, etc.). The students on the committee voiced concerns that these software systems add undue stress to students, and recommended that if the software is used in classes that the student have access to this software ahead of time. Faculty noted that this perhaps negates the use of this software; however, some on the committee felt like students having prior access to the tool could help educate students as to what constitutes plagiarism. We will continue to discuss this issue during the next year.

Review of Impact of New Sanction Model

The committee continues to hear reports from the Office of Student Integrity concerning the effectiveness of the current sanction model.