Minutes of the University Council on Teaching
Monday, October 15, 2018
12:00-1:15, CTE Seminar Room

Attendees: Kathleen Bailey, Shaylonda Barton, Jessica Black, Billy Soo, Jeff Cohen, Clare Dunsford, Silvia Sellers-Garcia, Kristin Heyer, Michael Martin Gaurie Pandey, John Rakestraw, Patricia Tabloski

The agenda of the October 15 meeting was the state of academic integrity, the UCT web site, nominees for the Committee on Course Evaluations.

The responsibility for academic integrity issues for MCAS is held by Associate Deans Clare Dunsford (formerly) and Michael Martin (currently). In her presentation, Clare informed the committee that in MCAS about 40-42 cases of cheating are handled a year by the Academic Integrity Committee, which meets three

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When brought before the Committee on Academic Integrity, students tend to dissociate themselves from the act of cheating (this is not who I am), and try to disconnect themselves from the act of cheating.

Faculty are often unaware of the various ways students find to cheat, especially with new technology. Some faculty are reluctant to report cheating because they think the process of bringing a student before the Committee on Academic Integrity involves a lot of time and effort. In fact, after the initial report, the process is taken over by the associate deans, who, after due

process, will offer recommendations to the faculty member. Some instructors prefer to take care of cases of academic dishonesty themselves, but this is unfair to the student, who doesn't receive due process, to other students who do get reported and to the class as a whole. In cases where students are found to have violated the academic integrity code, a warning is issued, which is not reported to graduate schools and potential employers. However, after three violations, the student is expelled.

Future Initiatives

Expand the online tutorial to graduate students and international students
Tie academic integrity to student formation
Enlist students to educate their peers—honor code similar to Georgetown, University of San Diego
Require additional, more in-depth seminars for violators
More resources are needed to handle academic integrity
Faculty must be aware of the need to do their best to create cheat proof exams

UCT Web Site Ideas

1. Mission statement/purpose/description from the Faculty Handbook needs to be expanded
2. Meeting schedule-- dates of upcoming meetings will be posted so that UCT members can be contacted by anyone who would like to raise an issue for consideration, ask a question.
3. Meeting minutes will be posted as usual.
4. List of UCT members with links to their department profiles
5. Link to TAM, TAME, Teaching Retreat applications, Excellence in Teaching Day registration.
6. An area for news or updates, comments and suggestions, input on current projects.
7. Ideas for future topics for the UCT to take up.
8. A general