



FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
January 29, 2021
1:00 PM until adjournment
Synchronous Online

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Review of Minutes from November 20, 2020
- III. Announcements
- IV. Airing of Grievances (2 minute limit)
- V. Introduction of New Topics (2 minute limit)
- VI. Reports
 - A. Executive Committee - Amanda Nolen, President of Faculty Senate
 - B. Chancellor's Report – Christy Drale, Chancellor
 - C. Provost's Report – Ann Bain, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor
 - D. Undergraduate Council - Joe Felan, Chair
 - E. Graduate Council - Laura Ruhl, Chair
 - F. Core Council - Belinda Blevins-Knabe, Chair
 - G. Faculty Governance Committee - Rosalie Cheatham, Chair
 - H. Technology Transfer – Brian Berry, Dean of Graduate School/Director of ORSP
 - I. Student Athlete Progress Reporting - Barclay Key and Kevin Nesfield, Co-chairs of Athletics Committee
- VII. Old Business - None
- VIII. New Business
 - A. **Motion FS_2021_01.** Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee (Legislation. Majority Vote at one Meeting, no second required) Self-plagiarism

Be it resolved to amend the policy on Academic Integrity (Policy 501.13; Rev. 8/2018) to include definition of “self-plagiarism” as indicated in Appendix A (underline indicates addition, strikethrough indicates deletion); and

Be it further resolved that upon approval, implementation of this change will be effective as of July 2021.

Commentary: Reason for modification: Authors (students) often believe that if they authored a document they “own” it and therefore do not need to reference it when re-presenting their idea. Many believe that they could not by the very definition plagiarize (steal an idea) from themselves. Self-plagiarism is distinguished from duplicity by scope and, or, permission:

1. Permission (Instructor consent):

- a. **Duplicity** is evidenced when a student submits a previously authored paper to satisfy the requirement of a current (second) course without the current instructor’s permission.
- b. **Self-plagiarism** may occur when an instructor has permitted the resubmission of all, or part, of a previously written assignment but the student has failed to properly identify the earlier, previously shared components of the paper.

2. Scope:

- a. **Duplicity** is evidenced when students who “recycle” complete papers from one course to another. Recycling is recognized when the second submission has been either *in toto*, or in part, previously written and submitted for grade (a form of publication.).
- b. **Self-plagiarism** may occur even if the resubmission is partial or relatively minute through germane to the document. It may occur if part of a paper or key feature of an idea are presented in a new (not recycled per se) paper without acknowledging the origins of the idea, element etc.

The distinction is important as students may be unaware that partial recycling, even with consent is a form plagiarism. Failure to properly acknowledge and reference the idea or writing would be considered self-plagiarizing in the following (not comprehensive) examples:

1. When material is reproduced by the student across comprehensive exams, theses and final projects.
2. An idea that appears in one paper is reproduced in another as if it has just been conceived.

- IX. Open Forum
- X. Adjourn

Attachment A: Academic Integrity and Grievance Policy (501.13)

Policy:

Academic Integrity and Discipline

The university has developed certain regulations to make possible an orderly academic environment where all members of the community have the freedom to develop to the fullest extent. Academic dishonesty cannot be condoned or tolerated in the university community. Such behavior is considered a student conduct violation, and students found guilty of committing an academic offense on the campus, or in connection with an institution-oriented or sponsored activity, or while representing the university or academic department, will be disciplined by the university.

Students may not gain undue advantage over their classmates by deceptive or dishonest means. Throughout their education students should be impressed with the facts that cheating, duplicity, unauthorized reproduction of classroom materials, and plagiarism are morally degrading and that such practices seriously interfere with learning and intellectual development. It is a responsibility of instructors to make every effort to prevent dishonesty, protect honest students, and take appropriate action in instances of dishonesty. It is the responsibility of the student not only to abstain from cheating, but in addition, to avoid the appearance of cheating and to guard against making it possible for others to cheat. Courtesy and honesty require that any ideas or materials borrowed from another must be fully acknowledged. It is the obligation of each student to report all alleged violations of academic integrity to the instructor, as well as the responsibility of all instructors to report all alleged violations of academic integrity to the [Office of the Dean of Students](#).

Students may not reproduce, in whole or in part, classroom lectures or study materials presented by a professor without specific approval in advance by the professor. Publication of any such material shall only be with the express consent of the professor.

The determination that a student's work was the result of dishonest action can be considered in the instructor's evaluation of that work and in the determination of the course grade. In addition, disciplinary action will be taken by the appropriate university official (representative from the [Office of the Dean of Students](#)) or by the Academic Integrity and Grievance Committee.

Definition of Academic Offenses

The following list identifies categories of offenses that are subject to grade penalty and disciplinary action. This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

- **Cheating on an examination or quiz:** To give or receive, to offer or solicit information on any quiz or examination. This includes the following classes of dishonesty: (a) copying from another student's paper; (b) use during the examination of prepared materials, notes, or text other than those specifically

permitted by the professor; (c) collaboration with another student during the examination; (d) buying, selling, stealing, soliciting, or transmitting an examination, or any material purported to be the unreleased content of a coming examination, or the use of such material; (e) substituting for another person during an examination or allowing such substitution for oneself; (f) bribery of any person to obtain examination information.

- **Plagiarism:** To adopt and reproduce as one's own, to appropriate to one's own use and incorporate in one's own work without acknowledgment, the ideas of others or passages from their writings and works. This includes self-plagiarizing, the presentation of one's previously published or submitted work as novel and without proper acknowledgement.
- **Collusion:** To obtain from another party, without specific approval in advance by the professor, assistance in the production of work offered for credit to the extent that the work reflects the ideas or skills of the party consulted rather than those of the person in whose name the work is submitted.
- **Duplicity:** To offer for credit identical or substantially unchanged work in two or more courses, without specific advance approval of the professors involved.