Committee On Ethics and Institutional Integrity

Presented October 25, 2014 Fall UFS Plenary

At SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse NY

Charge: The committee will study and make recommendations to the SUNY University Faculty Senate President regarding issues of professional behavior, ethical conduct and institutional integrity as they relate to faculty, students, administrators and other personnel in SUNY and higher education. The committee will gather information and serve as a resource for the Senate and the University.

The Committee will not serve as a disciplinary body nor will it take part in judicial proceedings.

The Committee’s area of activity and interest will be quite broad and will include but not be limited to the following areas as they pertain to the State University of New York:

- Curriculum, Academic honesty, Research, scholarship and creative activity, Instructional, institutional and operational policies and practices, Personal integrity, Electronic communication, Confidentiality, Use of university resources, Conflicts of interest and commitment, Financial transactions, Impact on the environment, Hiring and admissions practices

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Committee Goals

1. Develop guiding principles document expressing commitment to the development of an ethical framework for SUNY.
2. Survey of academic ethics activities across the campuses.
3. Bullying Hazing document in collaboration with Student Life Committee
4. Academic freedom document in collaboration with Governance Committee
5. Academic integrity education/policy, possible project in collaboration with Student Assembly.
6. Development of Electronic Privacy policy in collaboration with System and SUNY Counsel

Meetings: Sept 18, 2014 (Planning Meeting), October 10, 2014 (conference call)

Update on activities/goals

1. Continuing to work on draft document, begins with statement of SUNY’s mission, will try to incorporate core values from strategic plan (student centeredness, collaboration, community engagement, diversity, integrity. Hope to have this ready for winter plenary.
2. Survey of academic ethics activities across the system: the survey has been sent to all senators and is to be completed by senators!! Please take the time to do whatever it takes to obtain the appropriate information, and then complete and return the survey. DO NOT PASS THE SURVEY ONTO ANOTHER PERSON BECAUSE THE CHANCES OF IT BEING COMPLETED WILL DROP TO ALMOST ZERO.

3. Bullying Hazing document is being reviewed and we will focus on working with Student Life Committee, hope to have more definitive document by winter plenary.

4. Academic freedom document is being reviewed and we will focus on working with Governance Committee, hope to have more definitive document by winter plenary.

5. Will work with Student Assembly and focus on their needs to identify meaningful collaborative project.

6. Development of electronic privacy policy is in its infancy, will reach out to appropriate persons at System, including Counsel’s office. Goal is to have a draft policy for the spring plenary.

Requests to UFS Senators from committee: Please respond to Survey on Academic Ethics Initiatives directly. Do not pass the survey onto another individual.

Anticipated upcoming actions/accomplishments: The Committee will focus on the Guiding Principles document as a priority and hopes to have this ready for the winter meeting.