PROPOSAL: Changes to the Student Code of Conduct

Background

The Faculty Senate adopted a Memorandum of Action, effective May 19, 2022 to revise the Academic Integrity Policy and Procedures to the Graduate and Undergraduate Catalogs and the Student Code to ensure due process for students charged with academic integrity violations. The MOA was approved by the Faculty Senate President, the Interim Provost and President Montgomery. The changes have already been made in both the undergraduate and graduate catalogue. We are bringing this action item to the Board of Trustees so we can make the same changes to the Student Code of Conduct.

The two most significant changes are included in bold and are listed below:

Article IV. Section B.01 Academic Misconduct

1. **Charging a student with a violation: A faculty member** submits the academic misconduct charge form indicating the charge. **Charges of academic misconduct should be made within 20 University business days of discovery of the misconduct. In some instances, academic misconduct may be discovered after a course or program study is completed. No academic sanction shall be assessed without a finding of responsibility through this process.**

2. **If the student does not accept responsibility:** The Office of Student Conduct will consult with the faculty member to ascertain the faculty member’s preference as to the hearing type. The hearing may be a meeting between the faculty member and the student or a meeting between the student, faculty member, and an Academic Integrity Panel (AIHP). An Academic Integrity Hearing Panel will consist of three faculty members and two students, selected using procedures established by the Professional Concerns Committee of the Faculty Senate. The choice of hearing type is the faculty members. The OSC will set up the hearing and will notify the student and the faculty member of its time, date, and location. **The faculty member is expected to respond to communications from the OSC in a timely manner, typically five University business days. Should the faculty member fail to make timely responses, the case shall proceed to an AIHP hearing, notwithstanding the faculty member’s selection of hearing type. The failure of either the student or the faculty member to appear shall not preclude a hearing from proceeding, nor prejudice the outcome.**

All other changes include adding headers consistent with the language in the catalogs, referring to faculty as faculty rather than instructors and using consistent language in all three documents.

Recommended Action

It is recommended to the Board of Trustees the administration be authorized to update the Student Code of Conduct consistent with the approved Faculty Senate MOA – 19/03.