

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY NEWSLETTER

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FYI

The Office of Judicial Affairs enforces the Student Code of Conduct which covers academic integrity, chronic disruptive behavior, forgery, harassment, hazing, etc. If you believe a student has violated the Student Code of Conduct, please report the alleged violation by filling out the General Reporting Form. Both the Student Code of Conduct and the General Reporting Form can be found on the Judicial Affairs website at http://sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html

2nd Annual ACADEMIC INTEGRITY WEEK

2005

SEPT. 19 – SEPT. 23

2004 –2005 Statistics

CHEATING92
PLAGIARISM.....97
TOTAL .. 189

Applied Sciences & Arts	33
Business	24
Education	2
Engineering	44
Humanities & the Arts	19
Sciences	37
Social Science	27
Social Work	1
Undergraduate Studies	2

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY STATES THAT FACULTY MUST REPORT ALL VIOLATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF JUDICIAL AFFAIRS



S04-12 – Academic Integrity Policy
4.1 ACADEMIC SANCTIONS - In all cases, the violation must be reported to the Office of Judicial Affairs on the reporting form for violations of the Academic Integrity Policy.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE POLICY.

The revised policy demonstrates the University's strong commitment to its students and the community to support ethical behavior.
-Sally Veregge, Chair Academic Senate

I like knowing clearly what is expected of me so that I can be clear with the students. I also like knowing that there is a professional - the Judicial Affairs Officer - who will handle these sensitive and sometimes complex situations in a way that takes into account both the student's educational best interests and SJSU's best interests.

-Terri Thames, Instruction and Student Affairs Committee Chair

I'm finding that I'm spending more time sharing information about academic integrity with my students because of the new requirement that faculty report all violations of academic integrity. Sometimes, I have found that even some graduate students cut and paste off of the web. Knowing this, I let them know in class, on the greensheet and on my webpage that this is not permissible and has potentially severe consequences - both at SJSU and in the work world. We all need to find ways to have discussions about academic integrity with all of our students regardless of their years of university experience.

- Annette Nellen, Past Chair Academic Senate and Professor, Accounting

The current Academic Integrity Policy's strengths are that it removes ambiguity about process and, to a lesser degree, consequence, and that it clearly articulates the importance SJSU places on academic integrity. It is my hope that this added clarity will allow us as an academic community to focus on the more important issues of why academic integrity is essential for the healthy functioning of a university and for maintaining the value of degrees that students earn.

- Bob Cooper, Associate Vice President, Undergraduate Studies

Integrity measures strength or how well fabric holds together. Our university fabric must have integrity and honesty for faculty and students to succeed. The new mandatory reporting clause in the Academic Integrity Policy provides a clear message to students and faculty in a time where cheating and plagiarizing are rampant in schools and colleges. Approximately 2500 incoming fresh students and their families heard about the new policy this summer during the Welcome Session at orientation, and approximately 1200 students signed the Academic Honesty Pledge after talking directly to Debra Griffith at the Orientation Resource Faire. Through her strong presence as the Judicial Affairs Officer and her work with academic programs Debra Griffith is making a difference in getting the message across to the campus community.

- Emily Wughalter, Associate Dean of First Year Experience Program

PRESENTATIONS

The Chief Judicial Affairs Officer is available for class presentations.

Topics include:

- The University Judicial Process
- The Student Code of Conduct
- Academic Ethics

Please call 4-5985 to schedule a presentation.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Judicial Affairs if you need consultation.



The Office of Judicial Affairs is putting together a Student Advisory Board. Do you know any students you wish to nominate?

This newsletter was developed to assist faculty to address academic integrity policy violations at SJSU. Contributions and suggestions are welcome. Please contact the Office of Judicial Affairs with your comments at 4-5985 or at judicialaffairs@sjsu.edu



2004– 2005 HIGHLIGHTS



- Our new website was launched in August . All of the Judicial Affairs reporting forms are now online.
- The first annual Academic Integrity Week was held in September 2004.
- SJSU's first Academic Integrity Week was featured on the front page of the San José Mercury News.
- Over 2000 first year students signed an Honor Pledge banner that stated they would not lie, cheat or steal in their academic endeavors.
- Our office received a lottery grant to bring Dr. Don McCabe to campus (featured speaker for faculty during Academic Integrity Week - Thursday, September 22, 2005, 12:00 pm –1:30 pm, University Room)
- As of Spring 2005, faculty are now notified with the outcome of their referred cases.
- Our office consulted with faculty on over 60 cases.
- Debra Griffith, the Chief Judicial Affairs Officer, has made 22 Academic Ethics/Student Judicial Process presentations to classes and departments.
- In conjunction with the Center for Faculty Development, five workshops on Academic Integrity were held last year.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY FACULTY ADVISORY BOARD

The Office of Judicial Affairs has a faculty advisory board comprised of one representative from each college. This board was created in Spring 2005 by Annette Nellen, Past Academic Senate Chair and the Office of Judicial Affairs to share information with faculty and the SJSU community about current academic dishonesty trends nationwide and at San José State University as well as address the growing concern of students' disruptive behavior in the classroom.

WHO IS YOUR COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE?

- Applied Sciences & Arts**
- Business**
- Education**
- Engineering**
- Graduate Studies & Research**
- Humanities & the Arts**
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- Science**
- Social Sciences**
- Social Work**

- Irene Gonzales**
- Bill Zachary**
- Jennifer Madigan**
- Thalia Anagnos**
- Rhea Williamson**
- Karl Toepfer**
- Susan Scaff**
- Julio Soto**
- Kenneth Nuger**
- Alice Hines**

"Integrity is what we do, what we say, and what we say we do"

- Don Galar