Approve addition of Part III "Academic Integrity Policy" to the Student Handbook of Texas Tech University to be effective May 21, 2012.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This document is the product of a review and revision that began in April 2010 of the existing academic integrity policy by a taskforce comprised of faculty, staff, and students. Approved by Faculty Senate on February 16, 2011 and Student Senate on December 3, 2010, it was originally anticipated that the policy would be submitted for Board of Regents' approval in May 2011. Upon receipt of revisions from General Counsel in March 2011, it was necessary to delay the Board of Regents' submission. This allowed us time to update groups such as Faculty Senate and Student Senate on editorial changes, and establish time for training and education prior to the new policy going into effect.

The following editorial changes were made by General Counsel to the Academic Integrity Policy since the original approvals by Faculty and Student Senate:
- Document was shortened from 28 pages to 19 pages predominantly by streamlining the language and deleting areas of duplication/redundancy.
- Appendix was created with Level 1 and Level 2 violation examples and committee appointment procedures.
- Terminology changed from Separable/Non-Separable violations to Level 1/Level 2 violations and specialized titles such as "Academic Integrity Facilitators" were changed to the actual position names, i.e. "Associate Academic Dean".
- Consultation role of the Associate Academic Dean clarified to assist faculty in determining level of violation and to maintain consistency in decision making regarding academic integrity violations.
- Academic Integrity Appeals streamlined so that appeals of Level 1 violations remain with the Associate Academic Dean, and Appeals of Level 2 violations, decided by either the Associate Academic Dean or the Academic Integrity Review Committee, are submitted to the Assistant Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

The remainder of the policy remains unchanged, including:

- The expansion of faculty roles in academic integrity issues;
- The separation of academic integrity from the disciplinary conduct process.

With these additional changes, the result is a more efficient process and readable policy; this updated version has the full support of the Academic Integrity Task Force.

Attachment: 10-03-11 Version Academic Integrity Policy

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