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Minutes
Student Academic Policies Committee

Date:  September 17, 2012
Attendees: G. Doyle, A. Evwaraye, J. McCombe, T Saliba
Guest: Pat Sweeney, Tom Skill, David Wright

The meeting focused on academic dishonesty problems associated with online courses.

The fact that the Senate is looking into online dishonesty was thought to be a good idea. While it is not perceived to be a major issue at present, it is likely to become one in the future. Stakeholders of the university would appreciate that the Senate is being proactive.

It was recognized that teaching online course is much more time consuming than classroom courses, not only in preparing lectures, but also testing. Preventing dishonesty is a major concern.

One issue that was raised was that we do not know if this is a problem at UD. It was suggested that we ask faculty who have taught online courses if they believe it is a problem, it what way is it a problem, and how have faculty dealt with it. George Doyle will contact Patsy Martin to obtain a list of faculty that have taught online courses. Then these faculty will be contacted asking for their experience and suggestions.

It was pointed out that UD is hiring DELTAK as a consultant to help us market online courses. It was suggested that we contact Paul Vanderburgh to determine if and how DELTAK deals with dishonesty related to online courses. George Doyle will contact Paul.