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Students and faculty will serve on the Academic Integrity Council and will be actively involved in developing and enforcing standards pertaining to academic integrity.

The Academic Integrity Council will provide due process to alleged violators, including:

- a. Authority
- b. Jurisdiction
- c. Notice
- d. Hearings
- e. Appeal

# Academic Integrity Council

<u>Charge: The purpose of Academic Integrity Council is to promote and support academic integrity at SRSU.</u> To meet this goal, the Academic Integrity Council will be responsible for the <u>following:</u>

- providing education and resources that promote an understanding of the importance of academic integrity at SRSU
- providing support and resource guidance to faculty members to assist in their promotion of academic integrity in their courses
- advising students and faculty who report academic integrity violations
- providing guidance to students who are involved in allegations of academic misconduct
- serving as neutral investigators of alleged academic integrity violations
- conducting hearings for students involved in allegations of academic misconduct
- maintaining records about cases of academic misconduct on the SRSU campuses
- evaluating policies related to academic integrity on a regular basis
- participating in faculty and student surveys on academic integrity at regular intervals

# Membership

## Chair

- Four <u>Faculty Members (one per college</u> plus RGC rep)
- Two students per college plus RGC rep (recommendations from Deans)
- Graduate students

For a hearing, at least two faculty members and one student must be present. TheAcademic Integrity Council will consist of (22) members:

1. Two undergraduate students, one graduate student and two faculty members will be appointed from the colleges (Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Education and Professional Studies) and from the Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde campuses.

- Two faculty members will be appointed from the Wildenthal Memorial Library. 2. Undergraduate student council members may be nominated by the Student Body
- President or their college dean and selected by the Academic Integrity Council selection process.

**Commented [SK1]:** Faculty members will serve three year terms?

Commented [SK2]: This is now ALPS

## Commented [SK3]: This is now LASS.

**Commented [SK4]:** From each RGC campus or a total of two faculty members from RGC? As a note, they are already feeling a bit overwhelmed by the number of committees/councils that they are being asked to serve on.

**Commented [VJ5R4]:** Good to know. I think we need to figure out a way to better balance committee/council responsibilities. It seems that some have a ton and some have none. For RGC, there are different challenges--How can we better manage the need/desire to have RGC representation but not overwhelm them?

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3	Graduate student council members may be nominated by their college dean and selected
	by the Academic Integrity Council selection process.
	All faculty council members are nominated by their respective Dean. At least one faculty
	member from each college must be a member of the graduate faculty. The Dean's
	nominations are forwarded to the Provost and to the President of the Faculty Assembly or
	Faculty Senate for approval.
4	TheAcademic Integrity Council Director will serve as an ex-officio member of the
	council.

The duties of the Academic Integrity Council members include:

- a. Attend scheduled meetings of the Academic Integrity Council.
- b. Communicate and promote the Student Honor Code to the Sul Ross State University community.
- c. Provide training and faculty assistance.
- d. Advise students and faculty who report violations.
- e. Serve as neutral investigators of alleged academic integrity violations.
- f. Serve as panel members during hearings of alleged academic integrity violations.
- If elected, serve as Chair or Vice-Chair of theAcademic Integrity Council

Terms of the Academic Integrity Council:

- a. Members' terms are three years, except for the initial appointments (students one year).
- b. Terms begin at the end of the spring semester and end at the conclusion of the spring semester of the final year of their appointment.
- c. Members may serve two consecutive terms.
- d. Participate in training as designated by the Academic Integrity Council Directormeetings and training of the Academic Integrity Council.
- e. Members may be removed from office for violations.
- f. Replacement of members is made by the respective entity for the remaining portions of their terms.

#### 3. ANNUAL REVIEW:

The\_Academic Integrity Council shall be reviewed annually at the conclusion of each spring semester.

The results of the review are presented to the Student Government Association, Faculty Assembly and Senate, Vice President for Student & University Services, and Provost.

TheAcademic Integrity Council annually reviews the performance of the Student Honor Code Director. TheAcademic Integrity Council then forwards its evaluation and recommendations to the Vice President for Student & University Services prior to the end of the spring semester.

**Commented [SK6]:** Is this a volunteer position? A paid position? Someone who works in the office of the VP for Student and University Services? Do we even have a VP for Student and University Services now?

**Commented [SK7]:** I'm still wondering where the training materials are coming from.