ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY REVIEW AND REVISION TIMELINE – DECEMBER 22, 2015

Completed Activities:

Phase 1  SEPT-OCT  Identification of Critical Policy Problems and Potential Strategies for Resolution
- Oct. 23, 2015 Academic Integrity Innovation Tournament at Drumlins. This four-hour structured brainstorming session brought together over 40 faculty, students and administrators from 12 SU schools and colleges to generate ideas for increasing the fairness, effectiveness, and efficiency of our policies.

Phase 2  NOV  Translation of Strategies into Specific Proposals for Policy Revision
- Formation of the 40-member Academic Integrity Policy Review Advisory Committee,* which met on Nov. 4 and Nov. 6 to flesh out proposals from the Oct. 23 Tournament regarding academic integrity education, the classification of violations by type and severity, and the delineation of appropriate corresponding penalties.
- On Nov. 18 and 20, committee members discussed expanding the single current avenue for resolving contested charges and penalties (a formal hearing) into three avenues so as to increase flexibility and efficiency in handling straightforward and complex cases within the schools and colleges.

In-Process Activities:

Phase 3  JAN  Communication of Proposals to School/College Faculties, Students and Staff
- By December, the Academic Integrity Office (AIO) will create a Power Point presentation summarizing the review along with an FAQ document for use in communicating the proposals to the SU community. These materials, along with this timeline and a two-page summary of the current policy, will be posted on the AIO website and made available for distribution soon after winter break.
- One or two committee members from each school/college will join the AIO Director in presenting the review and proposals at their school/college faculty meetings or to other relevant faculty leadership groups.
- Committee members or other faculty will be encouraged to present to student leadership groups at their school/college.
- Options for presentations at faculty department meetings and for other interested groups, such as the SA and the GSO, will be available, likely through one or two information sessions designed for department chairs and others interested in leading discussion of the proposals. These sessions will be publicized and open to any interested members of the SU community. Other options for communication will be considered as warranted.

Planned Activities:

Phase 4  FEB-APR  Drafting of a Revised Policy and Submission to the University Senate and Provost
- The AIO will draft a revised policy, circulate it to advisory committee members for review, and redraft as necessary. The final draft will be posted on the AIO website. A vehicle for soliciting comments from faculty, students and staff will be created, and publicity will be coordinated through SU News Services.
- The final draft will be submitted for consideration to the Senate Committee on Instruction in March and to the Provost in April.

Phase 5  MAY-AUG  Communication and Ramp Up of the New Policy if Approved
- The AIO will create training materials and provide training for school/college faculty, students and administrators who will implement the new policy beginning in the fall 2016 semester.

* This committee, which meets in two subgroups due to its size, consists of 40 members with experience of current academic integrity policies and procedures. Co-chaired by Biology Department Chair Ramesh Raina and ECS Bioengineering Graduate Program Director and academic integrity hearing panel chair Jay Henderson, the committee consists of 18 faculty, 12 administrators and 10 students, including representatives from each school and college, from the SA, GSO, Athletics, the Slutzker Center for International Services, and Student Rights and Responsibilities.