

## **Appendix B:** **Executive Council - Class B Legislation Regarding Academic Misconduct**

### **Rationale:**

In September 2010, a new policy and process for the handling of academic misconduct was announced to the faculty through a memo that came from the Chancellor's Office, Faculty Assembly, and the Office of Student and Enrollment Services. That policy was implemented for a short period, but sometime during the winter/spring of 2011 came to an end, without any notification of this change made to faculty. Over the subsequent 18 months, there have been a number of alleged cases of academic misconduct reported to Student Affairs that have not been acted upon, and many others where final decisions were not reported back to faculty or directors/dean. To ensure that the process and decision-making around alleged cases of academic misconduct are transparent and well understood by the UWT community, that UWT fosters a culture of academic integrity and honesty among our students, and that faculty engage in conversations around these issues, we make the following recommendations.

### **Proposed Legislation:**

1. Staff members in the Office of Student and Enrollment Services continue to serve as Informal Officers for allegations of academic misconduct. Each quarter, the Office of Student and Enrollment Services will provide a report to APCC that summarizes the number of incidents reported, the number of cases handled and the outcome of those cases. Once a year the officer will meet with APCC to discuss changes that might improve the process and most importantly, improve practices so that the problem of academic misconduct at UWT is minimized.
2. Faculty Assembly and the Chancellor's office will send a joint communication to faculty to describe the new policy surrounding the handling of allegations of academic misconduct, and to acknowledge the past missteps that have occurred.

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