

A/P STAFF COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE
PROPOSED PLAGIARISM POLICY GUIDE AND OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PLAGIARISM POLICY

The A/P Council would like to compliment the President's Office with the openness in sharing the Plagiarism Policy drafts with the campus at large. As a Council, we have had the opportunity to review the SIU Plagiarism Policy Guide and the SIU Office of the President Plagiarism Policy. Below are a list of questions and issues that we have regarding the policies:

- The Council finds it complicated to understand how these two documents fit into the collection of policies which cover plagiarism issues on this campus and in the SIU System. We look for some clarity on this question.
- The SIU Plagiarism Policy Guide does not contain information on how it relates to the other policies governing the investigation and resolution of specific issues of plagiarism. In a memo from Dr. John Haller, it was noted that revisions will be made to each of the campuses' Research Misconduct Code, Non-Research Misconduct Code, Student Conduct Code, and Staff Handbook. We are wondering why policies need to be rewritten in so many different documents. How will these policy documents connect with the Policy Guide? We are looking for clarity on this question as well.
- The one definition on page 4 of the Guide, "a. Context" appears wordier than the other factors listed. There was some debate on the Council on whether this section was clear. We recommend clarifying a bit more.
- Under the SIU Office of the President Plagiarism Policy, the Council wanted clarity on three questions. 1.) Does the President have individual control over whether a complaint was found worthy to investigate or whether a violation has occurred? 2.) Does the President have the ability to veto a committee recommendation? 3.) In such cases where the President might have a bias, what checks and balances are there to stop single control in the decision making process.

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