

STUDENT HONOR CODE RESOLUTION

April 10, 2008

WHEREAS the Student Honor Code Task Force has devoted considerable time, effort and energy to the development of an Honor Code for Texas Christian University, and

WHEREAS the Student Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate desires to assist the Student Honor Code Task Force in moving the process of adopting an Honor Code forward, and

WHEREAS the best interests of the students and faculty of Texas Christian University would be served by confirming the progress that has been made during the current academic year,

THEREFORE be it resolved the Faculty Senate adopt the following recommendation for the adoption of a Student Honor Code for Texas Christian University.

STUDENT HONOR CODE PROPOSAL

1. Adoption of the following Student Honor Code statement.

As a member of the TCU community, I will work actively to create an environment of academic integrity. On my honor, I will not participate in any form of academic misconduct.

2. Adoption of the following statement to be included in all graded assignments and exams.

In accordance with the TCU Honor Code, I have neither received nor given unauthorized assistance in preparing or completing this assignment.

3. Creation of an Integrity Council consisting of nine students, one appointed by each Dean to represent their respective school or college and one appointed by the Student Government Association, two faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate, and one representative of the Administration. The charge of the Integrity Council will be to further develop a peer process by which violations of the Student Honor Code may be addressed.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this resolution is to create a new basis from which to move forward toward a more comprehensive peer honor code system. If nothing is put in place at this point, there is a much greater risk that the efforts of the current Student Honor Code Task Force will have been for naught. The proposal does not do anything to abrogate current procedures for dealing with academic misconduct, but, rather, seeks to consolidate the

progress that has been made to date and to further enhance awareness of the value and need for academic integrity among the TCU community. The proposal also authorizes and formalizes the desire to further develop an academic integrity system by creating a collaborative body with that specific charge.