

2022 -2023 EOY Report Student Relations Committee (SRC)

SRC Members

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SRC Purpose

The Student Relations Committee shall represent the Faculty Senate on matters involving student concerns, consult with Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, and review strategies to maintain student participation in shared governance.

Standing Charges

1. Represent the Faculty Senate on matters involving student concerns.
2. Meet with officers of the Student Government Association (SGA) and SGA House of Representatives at least annually in order to monitor issues of concern to the student community. Attend the weekly meetings of the SGA.
3. Consult with Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, and share with FS; provide Faculty Senate feedback to these units.

Special Charges

1. Work with Student Government Association (SGA) on Honor Code implementation.

The Honor Code will be introduced at New Student Orientation summer 2023. Members of this Committee worked with Dr. Emily Ivy, Director, New Student & Family Programs to implement this. The following will be covered.

TCU Honor Code

"As a member of the TCU community, I will actively contribute to an environment of academic integrity. We are ethical leaders and will not participate in any form of academic misconduct."

Let professors participating in the Faculty Expectation sessions to discuss the importance of honor code with incoming students and family members.

1. Point out where to find the "Academic Conduct Policy" in the Student Handbook. <https://tcu.smartcatalogiq.com/en/Current/Undergraduate-Catalog/Student-Policies/Academic-Conduct-Policy-Details>
2. Talk about two academic misconduct examples in your classroom (don't reveal any student's name or identity).
3. Explain why a student shouldn't cheat in a college class. Discuss the potential harm of cheating and plagiarism in a class so that a student doesn't want to cheat.
4. Ask the first-year student's thought about academic misconduct.
5. Encourage the first-year student to pay special attention to the academic conduct policy from syllabi in the first week of class.

The Honor Code will also be introduced at New Faculty orientation in Fall 2023. Faculty will also be encouraged to include the Honor Code Cover Sheet that students will sign before taking exams. We also discussed other ways to add the Honor Code by adding it to the student and faculty handbooks, D2L, and adding it the syllabi.

2. Work with (SGA) on Mental Health and Sexual Assault Initiatives

A survey went out to students in spring 2022 to assess student mental health. Dr. Angela Taylor, Director, Student Affairs Office of Student Life Analytics assisted us with data analysis. The analysis will be discussed in fall 2023 and shared with Brad Stewart in the Wellness Center with hopes of incorporating strategies to improve student mental health.

3. Work with SGA in supporting the Pass/No Credit resolution.

The Pass/No Credit resolution to move the Pass/No Credit deadline to later in the semester was presented to the Faculty Senate and a resolution to support the student resolution was passed.

4. Support the SGA resolution in the creation of class introductions on class search. Students want to know more about courses before enrolling in them. This was optional for faculty to add this content to the class search through the Registrar. The resolution was presented to the Faculty Senate and was supported, however, after further discussion with the Registrar, it is not possible to implement at this time.

5. Support the Gender Resources Office to accommodate the preferred name on Texas Christian University (TCU)- distributed identification cards (IDs) for students, faculty, and staff. The resolution was presented to the Faculty Senate and it was passed.

6. Appoint new Chair of SRC for 2023 – 2024. The new chair is Dr. Danielle Walker

Janie Robinson
Chair, Student Relations Committee (2022 -2023)