

Minutes of the CAS Online Faculty Discussion Group
March 27, 2008
3:00 PM

Present: Jane Bowerman, Karen Cozart, Greg Heiser, Amanda York

I. Introductions.

Attendees introduced themselves. Karen Cozart hosted the meeting.

II. Agenda:

Academic Integrity

Greg Heiser, Assistant Provost, talked to the group about academic integrity and about academic misconduct cases at OU. He provided an [academic misconduct case summary](#) for the period 1995-2007 .

The group also discussed methods faculty can use to design online course assessments that reduce the likelihood that students will be tempted to cheat. Some of the suggestions are as follows:

- Include an “academic integrity” exercise in every online course, making use of the Provost’s academic integrity tutorial located online at: <http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity/player.html> Require students to discuss via online course discussion boards.
- Use a “Student Integrity/Honor Pledge,” sample located at <http://www.ou.edu/honorcouncil/>
- Reduce or eliminate the use of “objective” tests and quizzes.
- If objective tests or quizzes are used, use the Desire2Learn (D2L) question library to randomize questions and answers. Also limit the amount of time students have to take the tests or quizzes using the “availability” feature in D2L. Periodically update test banks with new questions and answers.
- Use project-based assessments where students submit parts throughout the semester.
- Make use of TurnItIn for vetting student papers.
<http://www.ou.edu/provost/pronew/content/OU-Turnitin.pdf>

III. Next meeting.

The next CAS Online Discussion Group will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 3:00 PM.

IV. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.