

University of Maryland Libraries ACADEMIC INTEGRITY INITIATIVE



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REPORT TO CAMPUS PARTNERS

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A year ago, we met in McKeldin Library for a Campus Summit on Academic Integrity. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about what all of us are doing to teach students about academic integrity. The Libraries Academic Integrity Committee came away with many good ideas for working collaboratively with you on these important issues.

It is time to update you on our activities. We have worked with many of you on collaborative projects, and we have worked within the Libraries to move the Initiative forward. Our accomplishments this year include:

- Web pages that teach students about academic integrity and provide information for faculty. The pages include new style guides for MLA, APA, and Chicago. The Academic Integrity page is at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/guides/honesty.html> and we welcome your comments and suggestions.
- A workshop on citing information from electronic databases that covers the “why” of citation as well as the “how.” Workshops were held for new ENGL 101 instructors and for Writing Center tutors.
- A one page handout on Academic Integrity aimed at undergraduate students. Originally prepared for the International Student Orientation, we hope the handout will be used widely on campus. It is available at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/UES/academicintegrity.doc>
- A presentation to the Council of Deans on March 8, 2006. Several Deans followed up with requests for presentations or further information. The PowerPoint presentation is available at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/UES/councildeans.ppt>
- Outreach to K12 school library media specialists and classroom teachers included activities such as a presentation to the Maryland Educational Media Organization (MEMO) annual conference and workshops for Montgomery County media specialists. The MD Partnership for Teaching and Learning K16 (chaired in 2005-6 by Chancellor Kirwan) sponsored a committee on library information literacy and ethical use, co-chaired by Diane Harvey.
- An exhibit was mounted in McKeldin to mark Academic Integrity Week in April 2006. The exhibit will be displayed until September 2006.
- The Libraries are withdrawing outdated editions of style manuals from the circulating collection, so that students will not use incorrect citation styles. Multiple copies of the most recent editions of style manuals are available for student use.

- Changing the way that the “Find It” feature of Research Port displays citation information. We discovered that the “Find It” citation is not always an accurate representation of a particular style (MLA, APA, etc.), so the Libraries have added language to the site that reminds users that they need to format the citation elements to conform to a particular style.

Where do we go from here? The Libraries’ Academic Integrity committee continues to meet monthly to move the Initiative forward. Our plans include:

- Working more closely with the Graduate School to provide information on academic integrity that meets the particular needs of graduate students, especially international students.
- Continuing our collaborative efforts with K12 educators, including co-sponsoring the C3 (Cyberethics, Cybersafety, and Cybersecurity) Conference in October 2006.
- Collaborating with the Office of Student Conduct on projects such as Academic Integrity Week.
- Expanding the Libraries collaboration with the Writing Center by having Writing Center tutors available one afternoon and one evening each week at the McKeldin Reference/Information desk.
- Identifying campus faculty who model ‘best practices’ in teaching about academic integrity, and highlighting their work on the Libraries web pages. Pam Lanford from the College of Chemical and Life Sciences will be the first faculty member to be featured.
- Collaborating with individual Colleges and academic units. The College of Journalism and the Office of Professional Studies have indicated their desire to work with the Committee.

Our work with you, our campus partners, is an essential part of the Libraries’ Academic Integrity Initiative. How can we work collaboratively to assure that students and faculty have good information on academic integrity issues? Can you suggest other campus partners with whom we should be working?

The Committee will be contacting each of you to talk about how we can continue to work together. The Libraries appreciate your willingness to work collaboratively on this important initiative. Thank you!

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