



## The University of West Florida Student Government Association

Legislation: 13-14 B III

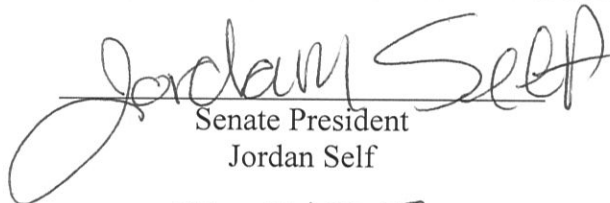
Subject: SGA 2013-2014 Budget Academic  
Integrity Week

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Approval of using A&S Fee Allocations for SGA (Account 122102) early for Academic  
Integrity Week (September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>).

First Reading : <u>08/10/13 Pass</u>	Second Reading: <u>08/13/13 Pass</u>
Yes: <u>14</u>	Yes: <u>13</u>
No: <u>0</u>	No: <u>0</u>
Abstain: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>

  
Senate President  
Jordan Self

Be it known that Student Government 13-14 B III is hereby signed on 08/20/13

Pass: ✓ Veto:       

  
Chris Hill  
Student Body President



**Proposal**  
**Academic Integrity Week**  
**Sept. 9th-13th**

**Introduction**

Academic misconduct at America's colleges and universities continues to rise. As more courses within academe are offered in online formats, students have found new ways to cheat the system in increasingly technologically advance ways. In order to combat this phenomenon, colleges and universities have developed new policies, begun utilization of technical programs aimed at catching would-be cheaters, and taken a strong stand against academic misconduct.

The University of West Florida is not immune to this issue. With the knowledge that only half of UWF faculty report using the established academic misconduct procedures and instead choose to informally deal with academic misconduct, the number of students caught cheating at UWF in recent years is likely much higher than those numbers reported. Most UWF faculty agree or strongly agree with the statement that "academic misconduct is a serious issue at UWF."

As an institution, we have done little in a proactive manner to address the topic of academic integrity with our students. Only 15 percent of faculty report having received any training related to academic misconduct. The University only very recently developed a comprehensive approach to adjudicating cases of academic misconduct. With a few very fine exceptions (the UWF Library plagiarism tutorial, Dr. Ron Belter's plagiarism module), little has been done to educate our students regarding the need for academic integrity, thus the need for a proactive institutional approach to this issue.

UWF Academic Integrity Week serves as an opportunity to provide the UWF community with a week-long, intensive, focused program aimed at educating students regarding integrity within the University community, raising awareness regarding the importance of academic integrity, and encouraging faculty members to proactively address integrity in their classrooms. Through the combined efforts of Academic Affairs, the Student Government Association, and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, such an effort can be put forward to the University community.

**Proposal**

The University Outreach Committee has budgeted **\$1,500** for Academic Integrity Week. The money cannot be used until it approved by the Senate. In order to proceed with the planning for the week, the University Outreach Committee will need this portion of the budget approved early. The money for this week will be used for the following:

Promotional Items: Students will receive items for attending the events and signing the Academic Integrity Week banner

Food: The Dean of Students Office has requested we provide food for the events of the week

Replacing Magnets: Some of the magnets containing the Honor Code are missing. This money would replace them.

In Summary, this bill would be approving that the **\$1,500** that is budgeted for Academic Integrity Week can be used early by the University Outreach Committee.