Agenda

Grade Inflation Report presented at the Deans Work Session and CAS Department Heads meeting

Karen Sprague reported that there was strong support in the Deans Council for recognizing grade inflation as a problem at UO, especially from President Dave Frohnmayer. Department heads from CAS will discuss the issue within their own departments. They will be collecting more detailed data within their departments.

Revised Student Code of Conduct proposal from Ad Hoc Committee

The Chair introduced Bill Daley, Sr. Instructor in LCB and Co-chair of the Student Code of Conduct Ad Hoc Committee.

Bill presented the history of the development of the code. He emphasized that the code is the responsibility of faculty. The first code was written in the 1960s. Ten years later, the section on sexual misconduct was revised. Seven years ago, the process leading to the current proposal began. Bill noted that the code is a living document. There has to be trust in the process of the document’s development.

The two contentious areas in the current proposal are:
1. The extent of University jurisdiction.
2. Representation of both parties during disciplinary hearings.

Lisa Freinkel, Department of English and Co-chair of the Student Code of Conduct Ad Hoc Committee, addressed questions from the Council. In response to concern that the University might be put in jeopardy by discrepancies between decisions made within the context of the Code and those made through an external judicial system, Lisa pointed out that case law has established that the UO Student Code of Conduct is binding on members of the UO community. Decisions based on it must be defensible within that system, but are not subject to review based on external judicial practice. The new Code has been thoroughly vetted by the Risk Management Office and it significantly decreases the University’s potential for liability.