Minutes of the Statutes Committee Meeting  
November 19, 2002

Members Present: Ron Bohlander, Anne Salter, Marc Smith, Tim Strike

1. The Bylaw establishing the Student Honor Committee was modified to increase the size of the committee and to form Hearing Panels to hear cases of academic dishonesty. The modifications were discussed and the final version is attached to these minutes.

2. A new Bylaw to establish a Committee on Academic Integrity was discussed and finalized. The composition of the Committee and its charges were taken from the Report of the Academic Misconduct Review Committee dated May 29, 2002. The new Bylaw is attached to these minutes.

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Respectfully submitted,
Marc K. Smith, Chair
Modify the bylaw to increase the size of the Student Honor Committee.

2.8.1.7.(e) Student Honor
2.8.1.7.(e)(1) The Student Honor Committee shall consist of twelve members of the Corps of Instruction elected from the Academic Faculty, six undergraduate students with at least junior standing elected by the Student Council, and three graduate students elected by the Graduate Student Senate. The Chair shall be elected annually by the Committee from among the Academic Faculty members. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Chair from among the other Committee members.

2.8.1.7.(e)(2) Each case referred to the Committee involving alleged dishonesty in academic matters on the part of a student shall be heard and tried by a Hearing Panel formed from the Committee members. This Panel shall be composed of three or four faculty members and two or three students with at least one student from the same group as the accused (undergraduate or graduate). Each Panel shall have a Chair appointed by the Chair of the Student Honor Committee from among the faculty members on the Panel. The decision in the case shall be transmitted to the office, or offices, responsible for recording it, for notifying the student officially, and for implementing the action.

Old Version 2.8.1.7.(e)(2) The Committee shall hear and try all cases referred to it involving alleged dishonesty in academic matters on the part of the students. The decision in the case shall be transmitted to the office, or offices, responsible for recording it, for notifying the student officially, and for implementing the action.

2.8.1.7.(e)(3) In its distributed minutes and in the annual report of its activities and findings, the Committee shall preserve the anonymity of individuals by generalizing the issues involved and the actions taken.
New bylaw forming the Committee on Academic Integrity

2.8.1.7.(p) Academic Integrity

2.8.1.7.(p)(1) The Committee on Academic Integrity shall consist of three members of the Corps of Instruction elected from the Academic Faculty, the Chair of the Student Honor Committee, one undergraduate student with at least junior standing elected by the Student Council, one graduate student elected by the Graduate Student Senate, and the Chair of the Student Honor Advisory Council. The Chair shall be elected annually by the Committee from among the elected faculty members. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Chair from among the other Committee members.

2.8.1.7.(p)(2) The Committee shall assess and benchmark the nature of academic misconduct at Georgia Tech and in the nation.

2.8.1.7.(p)(3) The Committee shall examine, assess, and recommend to the Academic Faculty methods and programs that can enhance the level of academic integrity at Georgia Tech.

2.8.1.7.(p)(4) The Committee shall continually review, assess, and benchmark the current organizational structure, processes, and procedures for enforcing the Student Honor Code and for hearing cases of academic misconduct. The Committee shall make appropriate recommendations to the Academic Faculty to improve this system.

2.8.1.7.(p)(5) The Committee may investigate and recommend to the Academic Faculty alternate methods of dispute resolution that could enhance the administration of the Student Honor Code at Georgia Tech.

2.8.1.7.(p)(6) The Committee shall work in parallel with the Student Honor Advisory Council to promote the Student Honor Code as an integral part of academic values at Georgia Tech.