

To: UFC
From: Alex Tanford, Chair of Policy Review Committee
Date: November 12, 2019
Re: ACA-72 Cheating and Plagiarism

A. The UFC Policy Review Committee has reviewed ACA-72, Cheating and Plagiarism and found:

1. The policy was enacted in 1961.
2. Its has been superseded by, and in some respects conflicts with, the sections on cheating, plagiarism and academic dishonesty in the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct, which is more detailed. The Student Code version has been approved by the Trustees.
3. ACA-72 contains language on faculty responsibilities for deterring academic misconduct that would more appropriately appear in ACA-33, Code of Academic Ethics, where similar responsibilities of a teacher are set forth.

B. The policy update proposal has been circulated for comment. The recommended changes to ACA-72 have been developed in consultation with the university chief policy officer, presented to the University Policy Advisory Council, and circulated to academic affairs and student affairs officers on all campuses for comment, and all comments have been incorporated.

C. The Committee moves that the UFC take the following action:

1. Rescind ACA-72, Cheating and Plagiarism.
2. Amend ACA-33, Code of Academic Ethics, by adding the following language to Section A-II: Specific Responsibilities:
 7. The teacher has a responsibility to foster the intellectual honesty of students. This obligation is particularly serious in connection with examinations and class exercises. Should a teacher determine that cheating or intentional plagiarism has occurred, the teacher should take appropriate action with respect to grades, and report the dishonesty to the student affairs officer of the campus.