To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

The Academic Integrity Review Board (AIRB) respectfully submits its activities for the 2016-17 academic year.

I. Committee Charge and Operation

The primary function of the Academic Integrity Review Board (AIRB) is to convene panels to hear student appeals of academic integrity cases. The Board makes recommendations to the Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct (OAISC), and the Academic Senate regarding policies and procedures on academic integrity. The Board also report a summary of activities annually or as needed to the Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience (CTLSE).

Teresa Dalton, Associate Professor of Teaching in Criminology, Law, and Society chaired the Academic Integrity Review Board in 2016-17. The Board as a whole met 2 times.

II. Campus and Divisional Issues

A. Hearings Assignments

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The Board considered revisions to the Procedures for Resolution of Cases of Academic Integrity Policy Violations, including grounds for appeals.

The Board received a request from the OAISC to revise the procedures document to change “instructional days” to “business days” via the 6/4/17 CTLSE meeting. AIRB will be addressing this issue in Fall 2017.

The OAISC also requested clarification on adjudication of cases involving graduating/graduated students in minor violations. (Memo date: 4/18/17)

B. Policies and Procedures

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There were no hearings in Fall 2016, 3 in Winter 2017, 9 in Spring, and 8 in Summer.

C. Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

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Meeting Date: 10/10/16
The OAISC gave updates to AIRB as needed.

After the first AIRB appeal hearing on 1/20/17, the OAISC expressed concern that AIRB hearing decision letters did not contain as much detail as they felt appropriate. As a result, a narrative of the hearing was added to the letters. It was decided that this narrative should be shortened during Summer 2017 and moving forward. The OAISC also expressed concern regarding the assignment of sanction dates through the AIRB appeal hearing decisions. AIRB felt it was appropriate for the OAISC, as the administrative body, to assign sanction dates consistent with their policies and procedures, but the OAISC has not agreed. This will continue to be an issue for 2017-18.

The Board worked with the OAISC to refine and clarify processes. Specifically, AIRB sent memos regarding information on the Ethics Workshop offered through the OAISC, consistency in the sanctioning process, and the mental health of students in the OAISC process as well as the AIRB hearings. (Memo dates: 3/3/17 and 4/19/17). A response was not received.

The Board will continue to: receive updates from the OAISC, request additional information regarding the Ethics Workshop, and request a more systematic approach to sanctioning.

III. Carry-forward Items for 2017-18
Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct (updates and issues listed above)
Academic Integrity Policy and Procedures

VI. 2016-17 Academic Integrity Review Board
Teresa Dalton, Social Ecology (Chair)
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Anne Lemnitzer, Engineering
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Weining Shen, ICS
Michael Szalay, Humanities
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Christopher Bauman, Business (resigned 4/1/17)

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Samuel Schriner, Pharmaceutical Sciences
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