

Faculty Council Standing Committee Report

Committee: Academic Freedom Committee

Co-Chairs: Drs. Diana Gingo and Ryan Farrar

Reporting Period: October 2025

Summary of committee's work since its last report to Faculty Council: The Faculty Council tasked the Academic Freedom Committee (AFC) to review the Dean of Students Office's draft of the Honor Code, which is intended to reinforce Collin College's Core Values by holding all within the community to the highest standards of integrity. The chairs shared the draft with the AFC on September 19, 2025, to review. The AFC then met via Zoom on September 30, 2025. While the majority of the committee membership was in attendance, a small number of members shared feedback via email in advance of the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The co-chairs began the meeting by sharing the feedback submitted via email, and the committee worked together to apply and refine all suggestions (i.e., those submitted via email and those presented during the Zoom meeting), revising the document accordingly. The committee worked together to reach a clear consensus regarding the updated draft. The changes to the document were fine-tuned by the co-chairs, and the revised draft was sent via email on October 1, 2025, for the committee to review once more. The Committee was given until October 8, 2025, to provide additional feedback. Members replied, noting that they were satisfied with the document in its current state. The co-chairs made a few additional final suggestions. The Faculty Council voted to approve the document on October 24, 2025.

Action items completed since last report to Faculty Council: The Committee reviewed the Honor Code and revised it for the consideration of the Faculty Council's approval.

Members who have been contributing to the work of the committee since the last report to Faculty Council: Lauryn Angel, Dulce De Castro, Monica Nicholson, Gina Perkins, J. Marshall Pittman, Linda Sears, Alexis Wilson, Judi Wohead

Actions items that are still pending, ongoing subcommittee work, etc.: N/A