

Dear Faculty and Staff:

We would like to announce the inception of the Academic Integrity Initiative at KCC. All faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to participate in this important new college-wide endeavor.

Building on the fruitful discussion on plagiarism which has been taking place on the "Full-Time Faculty" email list, the Academic Integrity Initiative will address growing concerns regarding acts of academic dishonesty by our students at KCC, whether committed with or without intent. The group will be facilitated by two faculty co-chairs, Gary Sarinsky (Biology) and Mike Sokolow (History), and has the full support of the college administration, the Committee on Instruction, and the Kingsborough Center for Teaching and Learning (KCTL).

The immediate goal of the Initiative is to educate both students and faculty about academic integrity. In terms of students, discussion can focus on how we can more effectively teach our students what constitutes academic dishonesty and how to successfully avoid it. Regarding faculty, we would all benefit from a discussion of the new challenges presented by internet technology in the information age and how to overcome them. It is also important for us to familiarize ourselves with the official college policies on academic dishonesty, and the resources already available to us at KCC to help us identify and correct acts of plagiarism.

Please join us at our inaugural meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 1:00 PM in the Oceanview Room (U230). As an additional inducement to brave the elements during the chilly winter module, light refreshments will be served. To ensure that there is enough hot coffee to go around, kindly RSVP with my office at 368-5029 or via email at [Reza.Fakhari@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Reza.Fakhari@kbcc.cuny.edu).

Thank you in advance for contributing your time, energy, and experience. Integrity is one of the most meaningful components of a college education, no matter what field or profession one intends to pursue. By facilitating a deeper examination of this issue, our group hopes to enrich the KCC experience for both our students and ourselves.

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