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To: All Faculty

Colleagues,

To date 165 faculty have completed the survey on academic integrity. To those of you who have, thank you. To those of you who have not, I ask that you please do so now.

Issues of academic integrity are of great importance to all of us at Stony Brook. Stories regarding plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are in the news, and many of us have experienced it with the students we teach. Yet while the news reports indicate the trend is on the increase, we do not understand the extent of the problem here at Stony Brook. Thus I am asking you to take part in a survey on attitudes and behaviors associated with academic integrity.

Donald McCabe, Professor of Management and Rutgers-Newark and a leading expert on issues regarding academic dishonesty, is administering this anonymous survey. The responses from Stony Brook will be analyzed and compared to those of faculty and students at peer institutions. It is hoped that this information will allow us to better understand the extent of the problem we have here, as well as design outreach and education programs for students and faculty alike.

Please take the time (10-15 minutes) to complete the survey. Information regarding the survey and a link to the site at Rutgers can be found at:

<http://www.sunysb.edu/provost/AJCFac.htm>

In addition, Spring semester instructors are asked to publicize the undergraduate student version of the survey (<http://www.sunysb.edu/provost/AJCStud.htm>) and encourage students to participate.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Maria Doelger at 632-7012 or [mdoelger@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:mdoelger@notes.cc.sunysb.edu).

Thank you,  
Robert McGrath  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs