
CSES UPDATE

Fall 2009

Director's Welcome!

Welcome (or welcome back) to the University of Vermont community! I hope that your academic year is off to a successful start.

I would like to welcome you to the first edition of the Center for Student Ethics & Standards (CSES) newsletter for the 2009-2010 year. This newsletter is a tool we utilize to keep you informed of the programs and opportunities offered through CSES.

Are you aware that there are four programs that are offered through CSES? They are:

Intergroup Dialogue – A program that offers a 3-credit course in the fall and 1-credit workshops in the spring. The purpose of the program is to help students develop skills to facilitate dialogue across different identity groups.

Academic Integrity – A program that assists students in understanding their rights and responsibilities as they pertain to the four tenets of Academic Integrity.

Civic & Judicial – A program that helps students understand their rights and responsibilities as university and Burlington community members.

Conflict Resolution – A program that assists students in constructively working through conflict by providing opportunities to engage in dialogue that promotes accountability, mutual responsibility, self-reflection, effective listening, creative thinking, and ultimately, new understanding.

Each program has a unique purpose and each is designed to help prepare students for responsible citizenship now and beyond the college experience.

Please feel free to stop by our office in Nicholson House to learn more about the programs in CSES.

Best wishes for a successful first semester,
Kim Martin, Director, CSES



Nicholson House, 41 S. Prospect St.

Student Perspective: A Necessary Council

by Jeff Whitmore '10, AIC Member

What truly transpires in the Center for Student Ethics and Standards (CSES) remains widely unknown to several members of the UVM Community. The general notion that I received when speaking with students about the role of CSES was that it was where students went if they were in trouble with the university. Many community members are not aware of the services that CSES provides.

It is true that the office holds hearings and sanctions students who violate The University's Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. But, it also exists as an educational resource that helps those who go through the process to develop as members of the community. From my perspective, progressive community development seems to be one of the primary goals of the CSES staff, and I am delighted to have been a part of such work over the past year as a member of the Academic Integrity Council (AIC).

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

**Participate in judicial or academic integrity hearings
by being a Student Judicial Associate or Academic
Integrity Council Member!**

Visit our website for more information:

www.uvm.edu/~CSES



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The AIC was established to address violations of UVM's academic integrity policies, which include: cheating, collusion, fabrication and plagiarism. Students who are referred to CSES for violating one or more of the policies may come before the Council, comprised of three students and two faculty members, for a hearing. In this meeting, students are granted the opportunity to state their side of the story and provide any evidence on their behalf. The professor also has the choice to attend the hearing to provide testimony. Upon hearing both sides of the case and asking any questions that we might have, the council then deliberates as to whether the student is or is not responsible for the charges. If the council finds the student responsible, based upon a preponderance of evidence, we decide on sanctions. While some sanctions are appropriately punitive, there are many that promote awareness and development as to why these policies are in place. Should the student(s) be found not responsible then the deliberation is complete.

Providing a higher education to all interested and qualified citizens in a respectable and professional fashion is what I believe any university's mission to be. At UVM, violations of the Code of Academic Integrity threaten this universal mission. The AIC upholds this mission by using the entire process as a learning tool for students to recognize why their actions were inconsistent with the University's expectations and how to grow from the experience. I believe that as young adults, we need to actively learn what the role of an honest and participatory citizen entails. The AIC is able to contribute to this education by providing this real life experience.

From my work as a member of this important council, I have gained a deeper appreciation for the overall infrastructure of this institution. It has allowed me, an undergraduate student, to get involved with a small aspect of a process that will hopefully make a difference in our community. I admire the creativity that developed such a democratic process, which provides students with a chance for their voice to be heard by their peers. Overall, serving this council has been a valuable, insightful and enjoyable experience and I am very much looking forward to another year!



Troy, Laura and Dana hosting CCQ at the Allen House

Meet The CSES Staff!

Over the past year, we've made a few additions to our team and would like to take this opportunity to help you get to know us.

Most recently, Troy Headrick was hired as an Assistant Director. He has returned to UVM after a break from student affairs that he used to become a certified Dry Stone Waller. He now co-coordinates the Civic and Judicial Program. Troy is also a co-facilitator of the Intergroup Dialogue Program.

Also new to the office over the past several months, in his part time hearing officer position, is Chris Maloney. He has come to us from St. Michael's College where he was a Residence Director. Chris also co-facilitates the Men's track of our Project Discovery course with Laura McDaniel.

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Left to right, back: Sue Pochop, Troy Headrick, Laura McDaniel, Wayne Tetrick, Erin Craw. Front: Kim Martin, Dana Kaplan and Cait Bjellquist. Missing; Chris Maloney

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Laura is beginning her second year in CSES as an Assistant Director, co-coordinating the Civic and Judicial Program and coordinating Project Discovery, an alternative-to-suspension program.

You may recognize Dana Kaplan from her performances in the band, The Smittens. She returns for her second year in the office as an Assistant Director and Coordinator of the Academic Integrity Program which has seen tremendous growth over the past year. She is also developing UVM's Conflict Resolution Program and looks forward to sharing that part of her work with the community.

After a semester of educational leave where she researched single-parent programs at Champlain College, Kim Martin has returned to her Director role in CSES. We're glad to have her back!

DECODING THE CODE

STUDENTS OFTEN ASK US...

WHAT IS A COMMON SOURCE OF ALCOHOL?

UVM defines a 'common source' of alcohol as twelve or more servings of alcohol.

A single serving of alcohol is usually considered 1.5 ounces of 80 proof liquor, one twelve ounce beer (5% alcohol) or one five ounce glass of wine (12% alcohol).

Sue Pochop, the smiling face that meets all who enter Nicholson House is with us for her seventh year as an Office Manager in CSES. The office is happy to share her joy of recently becoming a grandmother.

Wayne Tetrick, a part time office manager has been with us just over two years. Also a professional actor, it has been exciting to see him prepare for his recent part in the Vermont Stage Company production, *Opus* which will play at the The Flynn Space through October 25th.

Caitlin Bjellquist and Erin Craw come to the office as graduate students in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Program. Erin is a second year HESA student and the office's graduate assistant. Cait has joined the office this semester as a practicum intern and as one of her projects, plans to revamp our website. Be sure to watch for our new look!

Coming together as a team has been an enjoyable process and we look forward to working with students, faculty and our other campus partners throughout the rest of the year. Oh, and if you see them out and about, congratulate Chris and Dana on their recent respective nuptials!