September 19, 2013

Dear Members of the Bowdoin Community:

The Judicial Board is entrusted with the responsibility of upholding and enforcing the standards of Bowdoin College through the Academic Honor Code and the Social Code. The complete Code is available online in the Student Handbook at http://www.bowdoin.edu/studentaffairs/student-handbook/index.shtml. At the start of each academic year, we present our general disciplinary guidelines to the community.

For students found responsible for Academic Honor Code violations:*  
- In cases involving academic dishonesty, sanctions may include, but are not limited to: assignment failure, grade reduction, course failure, suspension, and, in the event of a second violation, indefinite or permanent dismissal is possible.
- In cases of academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, or the deliberate submission of work not one’s own original effort, suspension is likely.
- In cases where work or answers are deliberately and knowingly provided to or received from others (without the instructor’s prior approval), suspension is likely.

For students found responsible for Social Code violations:
- In cases involving Social Code violations, sanctions may include, but are not limited to: issuance of a warning or reprimand, fines, restitution, community service, social probation, loss of College privileges (e.g., participation in extra-curricular activities or Study Away, ability to have a car on campus, etc.), suspension, indefinite or permanent dismissal.
- In cases involving violence of any kind, harassment, or abuse/bias that infringes upon or threatens the rights or dignity of others, suspension is likely and dismissal is possible.

For students found responsible for either a Social Code or Academic Honor Code violation:
- Misrepresentations or falsehoods constitute a further violation and may be judged by the Board to compound the gravity of the original charges.
- Purposely misleading and/or false statements may also result in charges leading to a separate hearing.

Each case is unique and will be judged on its own merits. If the Board finds a student not responsible for the alleged violations, the charges are dismissed. Findings of responsibility lead to a recommended sanction (as noted above) to Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster or his designee. All case proceedings remain confidential in accordance with College policies and federal and state statutes.

Next week, we will also send you a link to a more detailed Annual Report regarding last year’s cases.

Sincerely,

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Judicial Board Chair

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*For cases of suspected Academic Honor Code violations, faculty members serve on the Judicial Board.