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To the Members of the Bowdoin Community:

In the interest of consistency and fairness, the Judicial Board, which is entrusted with the responsibility of upholding and enforcing the standards of Bowdoin College, has recently undergone an evaluation of our process and system. We write to reaffirm our commitment to preserving this community and its fundamental principles of honesty and respect which are the basis for both the Academic Honor and Social Codes. Any violation of either Code must be treated as a threat to Bowdoin’s intellectual and social integrity.

In the interest of reminding the community, we think it is appropriate to present our general disciplinary guidelines.

For Academic Honor Code violations:
- For cases of dishonesty, including the deliberate, dishonest submission of work not one’s own, cheating, or plagiarism, suspension is likely.
- For deliberately and knowingly providing work or answers to others, suspension is likely.
- For all cases involving academic dishonesty, sanctions may include, but are not limited to: permanent or indefinite dismissal, suspension, course failure, loss of College privileges, lowering a grade, revisions of assignments, or issuance of a warning.

For Social Code violations:
- For cases involving assault, harassment, or abuse that infringes upon or threatens the rights or dignity of others, suspension is likely.
- For all cases involving Social Code violations, sanctions may include, but are not limited to: permanent or indefinite dismissal, suspension, loss of College privileges, social probation, restitution, fines, or issuance of a warning.

All case proceedings remain confidential in accordance with College practices and state statutes and will be given fair and thorough consideration. In accepting our role as Board members, we have assumed the responsibility for making judgments and determining sanctions which will safeguard and protect the academic community in which we have chosen to live and work.

Sincerely,

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