September 20, 2005

Dear Member 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 Codes can be found on pages 57-58 of the 2005-6 Student Handbook. 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: permanent or indefinite dismissal, suspension, course failure, or assignment failure.
- In cases of academic dishonesty, including the deliberate, dishonest submission of work not one’s own, cheating, plagiarism, or the use of the same work for multiple courses without both instructors' prior approval, suspension is likely.
- When deliberately and knowingly providing work or answers to 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: permanent or indefinite dismissal, suspension, loss of College privileges, social probation, restitution, fines, or issuance of a reprimand or a warning.
- In cases involving assault, harassment, or abuse that infringes upon or threatens the rights or dignity of others, suspension is likely.

For students found responsible of 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/false statements may also result in charges leading to a separate hearing.

Each case is different 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 be administered by Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley. All case proceedings remain confidential in accordance with College policies and federal and state statutes.

The Board Chair and Advisor have also written a more detailed Annual Report regarding last year’s cases.

Sincerely,

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Carolyn Boyle ’08
Will Hales ’08
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Shrinikhala Karmacharya ’06, Vice-Chair
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Professor Rick Broene, Chemistry
Professor Matthew Killough, Mathematics
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Professor John Turner, Romance Languages

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

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