Bowdoin College

September 12, 2011

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 Codes are 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 the deliberate submission of work not one’s own, cheating, or plagiarism, suspension is likely.
- When deliberately and knowingly providing or receiving work or answers to or 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 reprimand or a warning, fines, restitution, community service, social probation, loss of College privileges, 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 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 Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster or his designee. All case proceedings remain confidential in accordance with College policies and federal and state statutes.

In the coming weeks, you will also receive a more detailed Annual Report from the Board Chair and Advisor regarding last year’s cases.

Sincerely,

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Judicial Board Chair

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