September 28, 2015

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 all cases involving academic dishonesty, sanctions may include, but are not limited to: assignment failure, grade reduction, course failure, suspension.
- Furthermore, in academic dishonesty cases that include cheating, plagiarism, or the deliberate submission of work not one’s own original effort, and 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.
- In the event of a second violation involving academic dishonesty, indefinite or permanent dismissal is possible.

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, Study Away, or Senior Week activities, ability to have a car on campus, etc.), suspension, indefinite or permanent dismissal.
- In cases involving theft, violence of any kind, harassment, or targeted bias/blatant disrespect that infringes upon or threatens the rights or dignity of others, suspension is likely and dismissal is possible.
- Cases involving the sale of illegal drugs (regardless of the type or quantity of drug, including prescription medication), will result in permanent dismissal.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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Judicial Board Chair

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

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