

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students:

The Honor and Discipline Committees report to the College twice each year about the nature of the cases heard, the judgments made, and the penalties and sanctions that were decided. This report covers the meetings of the Committee that reviewed cases that occurred during Fall of 2006 and Winter Study of 2007. Following this report is a report on disciplinary decisions of the Dean's Office.

Report of the Honor Committee

The Committee heard nine cases during the Fall of 2006 and Winter Study of 2007.

1. A first-year was accused of consulting the on-line source, BlackBoard, while taking a self-scheduled exam. The student had been expressly told by the Professor not to access BlackBoard during the exam. The student admitted to the charge. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation for the remainder of this academic year.
2. Two first-years were accused of inappropriately collaborating in a number of writing assignments. In addition, one of the assignments was plagiarized from the Internet. The students admitted to the charges. The Committee found both students guilty and imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Suspension of not more than one year, with the term of the suspension being determined by the Dean.
3. A sophomore was accused of improper attribution in a paper. The student described to the Committee, in great detail and using substantial supporting evidence, the writing process for this and all of their papers. It was clear that a tremendous amount of research was done for the paper. The Committee determined that this was not a deliberate attempt to violate the Honor Code, but was a violation nonetheless. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the paper, a requirement that the student work with a writing tutor, and a Letter of Warning.
4. A junior was accused of not properly acknowledging an important source for ideas used in a paper. The student presented a detailed description of the intellectual process behind the essay. The Committee determined that there was no intention to misrepresent the ideas as the student's own and found the student not guilty of an Honor Code violation.
5. A junior was accused of improper citation in a number of papers submitted for a course. The student claimed they made an unintentional mistake and that they understood how to cite properly. However, the facts demonstrated that the bulk of the paper was directly copied from other sources. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation for the student's remaining time at Williams. In addition, the student is required to work with a writing tutor for future writing assignments.
6. A senior was accused of plagiarism and improper citation in a paper. The student admitted to the charge and took full responsibility for their actions. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the course and placed the student on Disciplinary Probation for their remaining time at Williams.
7. A junior was accused of falsely representing the existence of work to a member of the faculty. The student admitted to their behavior, and described the pressure and circumstances that led to their

behavior. In fact, the student, on their own accord, apologized to the faculty member soon after the incident. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the course.

8. A first-year was accused of improper citation in a paper. Attempts to attribute work in the paper were done improperly or not at all. The Committee found the student guilty of an Honor Code violation and imposed a directed failure in the assignment and Disciplinary Probation until the end of this academic year. In addition, the student is required to work with a writing tutor for future writing assignments.

9. A first-year was accused of copying from another student during an exam. The student admitted to the charge and took full responsibility for their actions. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation until the end of this academic year.

Report of the Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee consists of all members of the Honor Committee plus four additional members of the faculty. All members of the Committee vote. During Fall of 2006 the Discipline Committee heard two appeals concerning a student's alleged inappropriate behavior and determined that the student was innocent. No cases were heard during Winter Study of 2007.



Respectfully submitted

2006-2007 Honor-Discipline Committee:

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Dean's Office Action

During Fall of 2006, there was one student suspended for violation of community standards regarding violent behavior.

The Security Department conducts initial discussions with students about underage drinking and marijuana smoking; these discussions are not a part of the students' disciplinary record. For Fall of 2006 semester there were 16 such discussions. There were none during Winter Study of 2007. In especially problematic cases, or in the case of repeated warnings, the student is referred to the Dean's Office.