

REPORT
2021-2022
Academic Integrity Board

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Board Hearings and Meetings

Date	Type of Work	Circumstance	Action by Professor	Action by AIB
Ongoing	Administrative: Update AIB website Communicate with professors Communication with Board members			
8/21	Administrative	PHYS 101.		Meetings to learn the Chegg system and the infractions of the PHYS 101 case(s).

8/21	Hearing	PHYS 101. Multiple students used Chegg. Professor filed reports on them. One student filed an appeal. The hearing was held to determine if the Board should recommend the professor change the penalty.	Course grade reduction	Board found insufficient evidence to reverse the action of the professor.
5/22	Administrative			Annual communication to Record's Office to update/notify regarding probations, suspensions and dismissals.
5/22	Administrative	Case of SOC 302 follow up		Student has returned as a non-degree student after dismissal due to low GPA. Letter sent by Chair to reiterate academic integrity standards.
5/22	Administrative	Evidence reviewed and case being scheduled for SOC 460 incidents	TBD	TBD

5/22	Administrative: Annual Report Writing			Included review of 25 incidents filed via the Maxient system.
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Self-evaluation:

1. The Board Chair receives notification from the VPAA’s office when a student has committed more than one violation or when an incident is egregious. All first time offenses are kept on file in the Office, but not reviewed by the Chair. However this year the Chair decided to review the first time offenses to get a better sense of what types of violations were occurring overall. This could help guide prevention efforts. There were approximately: 11 reported cases of plagiarism, such as cutting and pasting from internet and/or without proper citation; 2 cheating on exam incidents; 4 cases of students stealing the work of another student; a cluster of Chegg incidents; a case of deception; and a couple of cases of students using unauthorized materials.
2. The Board will continue to remind professors to state academic integrity policies and work expectations clearly in all syllabi and assignments. The professors will also be reminded to teach students what it means and looks like to paraphrase, quote, cite and otherwise give credit where credit is due and work with integrity. Professors may find it worthwhile to urge/require some students to use the Writing Center as warranted. Professors will be reminded to hold students accountable for their actions by reporting incidents to the VPAA using Maxient.
3. The reporting form has been found to help organize and communicate incidents.
4. The use of online services such as Chegg is a rising concern. There is not much professors can do more than state policies in their syllabus that forbid use of these specific types of services, and continue to be vigilant. Chegg, and similar sites, will produce reports when suspected breach of copyright or other laws/policies are possibly violated, but the process is laborious for the professor.

Implications of Current State Fiscal and Personnel Agreements on the Actions of the Board (program, personnel, curriculum, facilities, other): None.