The Honor and Discipline Committee reports to the College each year about the nature of the cases it has heard, the judgments made, and the penalties it has determined. This report covers the meetings of the committee that reviewed cases during the 2022-2023 school year.

Following this report is a summary of social misconduct disciplinary activity.

The Honor & Discipline Committee determined not to revert back to pre-pandemic sanctions. Violations before the pandemic resulted in a sanction of failure in the course. This year the committee agreed upon a lesser sanction of failure in the assignment plus an overall grade reduction of a third in the course as a baseline sanction. Lesser violations were given failure in the assignment or warnings. More serious violations were given failure in the course and/or disciplinary probation. Repeated violations received suspension.

I. Summary

1) A senior was brought to the committee when the professor noticed the assignment had some work that was unattributed. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment.

2) Two sophomore students were brought to the committee when it appeared that they had submitted similar answers to a problem set. One of the students was found to have copied the other student and was sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course. The other student was found to have given the paper to the other student to look at and was sanctioned to failure in the assignment.

3) Two first year students and one sophomore were brought to the committee when the professor noticed the three students had similar code for their project. The three students were found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

4) Three sophomore students were brought to the committee when the professor noticed similarities between the three student assignments. Two of the students were found not responsible since they were unaware that another student had copied from one of them. The third student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the course given the seriousness of lying to one of their peers and using their work.

5) Two seniors were brought to the committee when the professor reported their group assignment papers had large portions copied from other works without citations. One student, who had a previous violation, was found responsible for misrepresenting other work and sanctioned to failure in the course and placed on probation. The other student was found responsible for not working on the group assignment and not checking the other student’s work and sanctioned to failure in the assignment.

6) Two sophomore, one junior, and one senior students were brought to the committee when a professor reported unauthorized collaboration on a lab assignment. One student was found not to violate the code and the other three students were found responsible for working on the assignment together rather than submitting individual work and were sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.
7) Three first year students were brought to the committee when the professor reported the students had nearly identical answers to questions on a midterm exam. The students were found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

8) A student from another institution was brought to the committee when the professor reported their paper included a large amount of plagiarized material. The student was found not responsible since they did provide citations and was encouraged to use quotation marks and working on their writing process in the future.

9) A sophomore was brought to the committee when the professor reported the student used quotes from articles without referencing them in their final paper. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course and completion of an educational tutorial.

10) A senior was brought to the committee for two separate violations that occurred around the same time. This student also had a previous violation. Both cases involved plagiarism and the student was sanctioned to failure in each course, suspension for one semester, and probation for a year following their return.

11) A first year student was brought to the committee when it was reported they submitted verbatim passages from two readings without references. In addition, the student submitted a document to the professor after being notified of the potential violation that also included plagiarism and appeared to cover up for the first assignment (telling the professor they had submitted the other paper as a draft by accident). The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the course.

12) Two seniors were brought to the committee when a professor reported their activity assignment papers were identical. One student reported that they used the other student’s computer to run the code and accidentally submitted the other student’s work and was able to verify their own work and timeline to the committee. Both students were found not responsible.

13) A sophomore student was brought to the committee when a professor reported they used previous papers and internet resources when completing two project assignments. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in both assignments plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

14) A sophomore student was brought to the committee when a professor reported they plagiarized two separate assignments including using ChatGPT on the final exam. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the course.

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16) A sophomore student was brought to the committee when a professor reported they used a solution from a source on the internet for a problem set. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

17) A sophomore was brought to the committee when a professor reported they used ChatGPT and sent a separate altered document to cover up what they did. The student
was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a full letter grade reduction in the course and was placed on probation for a semester.

18) A senior was brought to the committee when a professor reported they submitted their homework assignment late after the professor had already submitted solutions on GLOW. The student was found responsible for submitting work using the solutions you reviewed on GLOW. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

19) A sophomore was brought to the committee when a professor reported they used a solution from an online source for their problem set. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

20) Two first year students were brought to the committee when a professor reported they worked on a final exam together. Both students provided false information during the hearing. Both students were found responsible. One student had a previous violation and was sanctioned to failure in the course, a semester suspension, and probation for a year upon return to campus. The other student was disrespectful to the panel and to the faculty member and was disruptive during the hearing and was sanctioned to failure in the course and disciplinary probation for a year. Both students apologized and admitted to providing false information after the hearing was over.

21) A sophomore was brought to the committee when a professor reported some of the language on the student’s take home exam came from the professor’s lecture notes. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

22) A junior was brought to the committee when a professor reported they plagiarized part of their paper. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

23) Two first year students were brought to the committee when a professor reported they had many similar answers for an in-class exam. It was determined that the students both brought in separate note sheets (that they were allowed to bring) that they had worked on creating together, but they did not look at each other’s exams. They were both found not responsible.

24) Two sophomore students were brought to the committee when a professor reported the students provided correct answers to a previous year’s lab assignment, which were different from the current year’s assignment. The students were found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

25) A junior was brought to the committee when a professor reported the student plagiarized a paper and provided false information to the professor regarding the timeline of their work. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the course.

26) A sophomore was brought to the committee when a professor reported the student used ChatGPT on an assignment. The professor did not provide specific instructions regarding ChatGPT. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to failure in the assignment for not citing ChatGPT and Grammarly.

27) Three first year students were brought to the committee when a professor reported they collaborated on two take home tests. Two students were found responsible for
collaborating on both assignments and sanctioned to failure in the course. A third student was found responsible for collaborating on one assignment and was sanctioned to failure in the assignment plus a third overall grade reduction in the course.

28) A sophomore was brought to the committee when a professor reported the student plagiarized their final paper. The student demonstrated how they produced their own work and was found not responsible.

29) Two sophomore students were brought to the committee when a professor reported they collaborated on the final exam. The two students demonstrated how they studied together and created a study guide but they did not work on the exam together. Both students were found not responsible.

30) A junior was brought to the committee when a professor reported the student did not provide citations for a passage in their paper. The student was found responsible and sanctioned to a warning.

II. Summary Data

Class Year

[Pie chart showing distribution by class year]
Disciplinary Cases:

For the 2022-2023 academic year, one student was suspended for five semesters for violation of the College’s Code of Conduct with regard to disruptive behavior, harassment, and safety. One student was placed on disciplinary probation due to violations involving harassment and safety. One student was found not responsible for harassment. 67 students received informal warnings about minor violations related to underage drinking, marijuana possession/use, disruption, and copyright infringements.