

March 30, 2004

Dear Members of the Swarthmore College Community,

On Thursday, March 25, the College Judiciary Committee met to consider a charge of academic misconduct brought against a student by a faculty member. The College Judiciary Committee was convened by Dean of the College Robert Gross and was comprised of Associate Professor of French Jean-Vincent Blanchard, Associate Professor of Religion Nathaniel Deutsch, Director of Computing and Communication Services Judy Downing, Maria Alvarez '04, and Ryan Budish '04. Associate Dean Tedd Goundie was the Observer to the hearing.

This case involved a student taking a class that required regular visits to an off campus site to record observations. The student made only one visit to the observation site and then turned in to the professor a fictional account of observations. In testimony the student admitted what he had done and did not contest the charge or the account of what had happened.

The Committee found the student guilty of academic misconduct. As the sanctions for the offense, the CJC recommended to the professor that the student be given No Credit for the course. In addition, the student was suspended effective immediately for the remainder of the spring semester, 2004.

The sanction is non-notational.

Robert Gross, Dean of the College
Convener of the College Judiciary Committee

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