

January 29, 2004

Dear Members of the Swarthmore College Community,

On Wednesday, January 28, 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, Professor of Classics Rosaria Munson, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Stuart Hain, Maria Alvarez '04, and Matt Wallaert '04. Associate Dean Tedd Goundie was the Observer to the hearing.

This case involved a student who submitted the same paper to two different courses without first obtaining the permission of both instructors. It is stated on page 20 of the 2003-2004 *Student Handbook* that “submission of the same work in more than one course without prior approval is prohibited. If the courses are being taken concurrently, approval of the professors for both courses is required.”

It was clear from the topic of the paper and from preliminary work on the paper done with the professor for which course the paper was originally written. The student did not contest the charges, and confirmed for which course the paper had been written. As sanctions for this offense, the CJC recommended that the student receive a No Credit in the course for which the paper was not originally intended. In addition, because the student did not first ask permission of the instructor for whom the paper was originally written before submitting the same paper to the other course, the CJC recommended to this instructor that he not accept the paper for this course, with whatever attendant consequences this action brings to bear on the final grade for the course.

The sanction is non-notational.

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

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