

2022-2023 Annual Council Committee Report

Committee: [Academic Integrity Board](#)

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Include the following information in your annual report:

1. Members of the committee (including name of the chair)

[Anabela Maia](#) (co-chair), [Lisa Connelly](#) (co-chair), [Jiyun Wu](#) (faculty), [Frederic Reamer](#) (faculty), [Precious Kafo](#) (staff), [Shihren Brower](#) (undergraduate student), [James Barber](#) (graduate student)

2. Meeting and Hearing dates

[06/01/2022](#) – Hearing ELED 438, HIST 107 (audio recording available upon request, led by former chair [Susan Clark](#))

[06/02/2022](#) – Hearing SOC 460 (audio recording available upon request, led by former chair [Susan Clark](#))

[10/06/2022](#) – Meeting and chair election (minutes attached)

[01/27/2023](#) – Meeting and decisions on first offense appeal (minutes attached)

[02/22/2023](#) – Hearing BIOL 112, BIOL 213 (audio recording available upon request)

3. Summary of committee activities (Please also include relevant minutes in an attachment)

Between [5/1/2022](#) and [4/19/2023](#) there have been 28 incident reports submitted to the VPAA Office via the Maxient form on https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?RhodeIslandCollege&layout_id=3. These numbers track well with the numbers from previous years (approximately 22 the previous year).

We defined a new procedure to evaluate appeals for the first offense, since those were not written (see [01/27/2023](#) meeting minutes).

AIB members sensitized colleagues about the need to report incidents using the Maxient form and to make policies clear in their syllabi. AIB members also attended discussions facilitated by FCTL on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

AIB members responded to queries from colleagues on how to proceed when academic integrity breaches were thought to have occurred in one swapped identity case, one AI answered quiz and AI written essays.

4. Decisions approved and actions taken (including proposals approved by Council)

There were two hearings during the Summer of 2022. Two students were found guilty of second incidents and a plan was put in place to allow them to continue attending RIC under probation while completing remedial work. One of the students above was removed from probation and allowed to proceed their studies without restrictions after completion of an essay rewrite and other sanctions imposed. The other student has failed to complete the remedial work imposed and is not allowed to register for classes. The student reached out to the Dean of Students upon being unable to register for classes, who promptly informed the student of their outstanding remedial work. The student has yet to contact the Board. (Hearing decision letters available upon request)

One student was found guilty after three incidents, was penalized by failing a class (BIOL 231) and is completing remedial work to be released from probation and allowed to graduate. (Hearing decision letter available upon request). This student requested an Academic Integrity Advisor (AIA). Kieran Ayrton in the Library was assigned and met with the student on two separate occasions. A Barnes and Nobles gift card (\$25) secured by the VPAA was sent to the AIA.

One student appealed the first offense and after the Board reviewed the evidence it was counseled that the student appeal be upheld and the grade changed to reflect poor judgement on the student's part but no academic integrity breach. The instructor has since filed a grade form. (Decision letter available upon request)

5. Recommendations for next year's committee

We recommend that new guidelines for Artificial Intelligence (AI) submissions be set forth and to add additional language to the AIB webpage and/or to the Student Handbook.

Due to conflicting schedules and inability to scheduled, Lisa and Anabela were unable to meet with Peggy Lynch Gadaleta and with a consultant in the Office of Student Affairs on the legal ramifications of AIB cases. This should be accomplished in a near future.

A meeting with the Disabilities Service Center about best proctoring practices needs to happen as a result of the incident involving a student leaving the building during the exam and in possession of a cell phone. Some faculty have reached out to the AIB to comment on the fact that they don't allow students to take tests at DSC since proctoring is oftentimes not available or permissive.

6. Self-evaluation

Despite the load assigned to the chairs (1 FLH for each co-chair for Spring 2023), the load associated with this Council Committee is high. Furthermore, the responsibilities and weight associated with deliberations that have such a strong impact on students' careers compounded with the lack of preparedness to act in a manner close to a judicial system was the major

challenge. The committee including student and staff members worked extremely well as team and the only challenges were related to scheduling of meetings and hearings.

Please submit your report to Valerie Endress (yendress@ric.edu) by April 25, 2023.