

Abstracts AC12-AC14, UW37-UW38

Professor Mimi and Student Angel in Anthropology AC12

Angel was a junior in Professor Mimi's 200-level Anthropology course. Angel was found to have plagiarized in a paper assignment by using resources from the internet. Professor Mimi expressed that this behavior was not typical of Angel and that Angel generally shined in her writing and in class. Angel attributes her plagiarism to being stressed and overwhelmed with Finals week. Professor Mimi wanted Angel to try to tackle the assignment again because the professor believed Angel had the tools and can do better.

The Honor Board resolved that Angel receive a capped grade of 2.3 for the course, rewrite her paper and she was encouraged to see her Dean on a regular basis.

Professor Raja and Student Abu in ESem AC13

Abu was a freshman in Professor Raja's ESem. Abu was approached for having plagiarized in her ESem paper. At the hearing, Abu denied plagiarism and claimed that she did not learn proper citation skills in high school nor was citation properly covered in class. Abu did mention having procrastinated and this may have rushed her to complete the assignment. Professor Raja was concerned because entire lines were copied word for word in the paper assignment.

The Honor Board resolved that Abu rewrite her paper - using ONLY primary texts and approved outside texts- and receive a capped grade of 2.0 for the course. She was also advised to work with the Writing Center for this and future papers, meet with Professor Raja, and visit her Dean or Peer Mentor for the remainder of the semester to discuss better approaches to paper writing.

-The student decided to take a leave of absence from the College because of a second infraction of the Honor Code (AC14). Re-admission depended on whether the College saw improvement in the student's understanding of plagiarism upon returning.

Professor Fiam and Student Gee in Sociology UW37

Gee was a freshmen in Professor Fiam's 100-level Sociology course. Upon reading Gee's poster visual essay, Professor Fiam noticed very specific information which were not cited. Professor Fiam found the website that Gee used and discovered that there was more plagiarism. Professor Fiam confronted Gee and asked her to report herself to the honor board.

During the hearing, Professor Fiam expressed that some information was cited, indicating that Gee knew how to make citations. Because other information from the internet sources were not cited, Professor Fiam felt that this was a deliberate attempt of plagiarism. Gee expressed that she did not think it was plagiarism.

The Honor Board resolved that Gee would receive a 0.0 for this project and required Gee to write up a rough draft for the next visual essay to hand in before the final draft. Gee was advised to ask other professors to focus on citations in her work in order to learn proper citation. The board also asked that Gee meet with her Dean and Peer Mentor on a regular basis and seek citation advice from her ESem professor.

Professor Wiles and Student Bree in PoliSci UW38

Bree was a sophomore in Professor Wiles' 200-level Political Science course. While grading Bree's paper, Professor Wiles noticed that sections of the paper had a different writing style than Bree's own. Professor Wiles googled these sections and discovered parts of Bree's paper on an academic paper-selling website. Professor Wiles asked Bree to report herself to the Honor Board.

During the hearing, Bree admitted to plagiarism, but clarified that the sections were not taken from a paper-selling website. Bree explained that she had a full-time job and was resolving some personal issues. She also stated that she needed this easy class that fit with her busy work schedule.

The Board concluded that she receive a 0.0 for the course and be separated from the College for a semester. Due to the extent of her plagiarism and her full-time job, *the Honor Board resolved* that she needed to take time off to resolve her personal issues and set priorities for her academics.

Professor Raja and Student Abu in ESem AC14

Student Abu was a first-year student in Professor Raja's ESem. This was not Abu's first time in front of the Board. Earlier in the semester Abu was found plagiarizing on a written assignment (AC13) in the same class taught by Professor Raja. Abu attributes plagiarizing again to feeling rushed and pressured. She also shares that she suffers from depression and has been doing so for the last few years. As a first-year, Abu felt very uncomfortable in new surroundings and fell into spells of depressions as a result. Depression kept Abu from giving the time needed to complete her academic work.

The Honor Board resolved that Abu receive a 0.0 for the course, asked she leave the College on medical leave (for a minimum of 2 semesters) effective the beginning of the next semester, and after she may consider re-applying. Approval of return will require a discussion with the Dean of the Undergraduate College and the Head of the Honor Board, and documentation stating that significant effort was taken to resolve the issue. The Board also made note that any other infractions after this will result in expulsion from the school.