

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT, FALL 2015

Yale undergraduates are called before the Executive Committee of Yale College when they are charged with possible violations of the *Undergraduate Regulations*.

The Executive Committee is composed of 3 tenured faculty, 3 junior faculty, 3 undergraduates and the Dean of Yale College Designee, with 3 (non-student) members serving as officers of the Committee: the Chair, the Fact-Finder and the Secretary.

In the majority of cases, students admit the validity of the charge(s) made against them and choose a disposition without a formal hearing before the full Executive Committee. Disposition hearings, held weekly, make up the bulk of Committee work and are conducted by the Coordinating Group which is composed of the 3 officers of the Executive Committee (the Chair, Fact-finder, and Secretary) and 1 of the 3 student members, who rotate in this capacity throughout the term. If the student contests the charge(s), then the case is considered further for a formal hearing before the full Executive Committee.

In Fall 2015 there were 42 students referred for intoxication with 40 of the 42 incidents resulting in transports to Yale New Haven Hospital or University Health Services. This is up considerably from Spring 2015 and Spring 2014 when there were 24 and 25 transports for intoxication, respectively, but similar to Fall 2014 when there were 43 transports.

Of the almost twice as many referrals for intoxication in Fall 2015 than in Spring 2015, 23 of the 42 referrals were freshmen, 12 were sophomores, 4 were juniors and 3 were seniors. So, the higher number of referrals seen in the Fall could be a reflection of incoming freshman experiencing college social life for the first time combined with more readily available alcohol and alcohol culture prevalent at Yale and many other universities. Today, this culture commonly includes pre-gaming, drinking games, inadvertent and intentional mixing of alcohol with various energy drinks (some of which have been banned by state laws due to adverse health effects) and drinking to the point of memory loss/blackout with little to no alarm. It is also not uncommon for freshmen faced with these cultural and environmental influences for the first time, to have no idea of their physiological tolerance and personal limits for various alcoholic beverages, or how to best navigate new social environments in which alcohol consumption plays a key or central role.

The Executive Committee in consultation with the Dean of Students, AODHRI and other organizational leaders within the Yale community have started discussions on ways to work together toward reducing the number of infractions and referrals involving over-consumption of alcohol toward the overriding goal of safe-guarding the health and well-being of Yale students.

Dispositions Without a Formal Hearing

In the case of disposition without a formal hearing, the charged student appears before the Coordinating Group of the Executive Committee along with his/her advisor (typically the Dean or Master of his/her residential college). The student is read guidelines for the

proceedings and may present an opening oral statement followed by a question/answer period based on this statement and on the student's previously submitted written statement and other documentation such as police reports, e-mail correspondence, papers/exams and other records pertinent to the case. The student's advisor is invited to make a statement on the student's behalf followed by closing remarks by the student after which the Coordinating Group deliberates to reach a decision on the penalty. A full dismissal of charges is rare, and standard penalties include: reprimand, probation, suspension and expulsion. Students may also be required to meet additional conditions such as paying for damages to property, restricting use of specific buildings or entryways on campus, seeking counseling for substance abuse or mental health, submitting written reflections or formal written guidelines, (for example, a risk-management plan for groups and organizations hosting parties and other social events).

In Fall 2015 there were 22 dispositions without formal hearings involving 56 students; compared with 26 in Spring 2015 and 33 in Fall 2014. Three cases involved multiple (more than 2) students; 22 in one instance, 5 in another and 4 in a third instance. These charges were brought against social organizations or teams and involved the hosting of events/parties.

In addition, there was 1 formal hearing involving one student.

Penalties from dispositions and formal hearings were assigned to 57 students, down from 69 in Spring 2015 but still considerably more than Fall 2014 when only 43 penalties were assigned.

4 suspensions, 13 probations, 33 reprimands, no degrees withheld, and in 7 instances, charges were withdrawn.

Penalty Hearings

In cases where students wish to dispute the penalty resulting from a disposition without a formal hearing, they may petition for a Penalty Hearing which is brought before the full Executive Committee.

There was 1 penalty hearing In Spring 2015 and no penalty hearings in Fall of 2015. New in Fall 2015, was institution of the ExComm Review Committee, which replaces the Penalty Hearing procedure. This Review Committee heard one case involving 2 students, both sophomores who disputed a penalty of Probation for hazing-related charges. The Review Committee referred the case back to the Coordinating Group of the Executive Committee, which recommended that a full hearing before the full Executive Committee be requested to hear the case.

Formal Hearings

Although most students admit the validity of the charge(s) made against them and opt for a disposition without a Formal Hearing, if the student contests the charge(s) they will have their case heard by the full Executive Committee in a Formal Hearing. The full committee is composed of three tenured and three untenured faculty members, three undergraduates and the Dean's designate. The Secretary of the committee also attends full hearings, but is not a voting member.

In Fall 2015 there was 1 formal hearing involving a Junior charged with Academic Dishonesty. The charge was withdrawn.

Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism

In Fall 2015, 21 students were charged with academic dishonesty, down from 45 in Spring 2015, and back to ~20 as in Fall 2014 (18).. As in my previous reports, I continue to track the trend in charges of academic dishonesty. The ~30 % decrease in academic dishonesty cases reported since Spring 2012 seems to be holding overall.

Other Forms of Academic Dishonesty

Most of the charges involved cheating or inappropriate submissions or sharing on problem sets and homework assignments, with two cases involving alteration of or cheating on an exam.

Alcohol and Illicit Drugs

As stated in previous reports, the Executive Committee no longer receives referrals/complaints for routine alcohol violations that involve no additional charges. These cases are now referred to AODHRI.

In Fall 2015 there were no cases involving illicit drugs.

Other Violations

Other cases in Fall 2015 involved charges of: defiance, hazing, imperil to the integrity of the university, falsification of documents/false I.D., acts of violence, trespassing, willful property damage and misuse of university computing facilities.

Referred Cases:

In Fall 2015, 42 students were referred to their residential colleges and 40 of the 42 cases involved students who were intoxicated; 40 students were transported to YNH or University Health Services.

Thanks

I sincerely thank all of the members of the Executive Committee for their commitment to service and very thoughtful consideration of all cases brought before the Committee. Very special thanks to the Secretary of the Committee, Dean Pamela George, the Fact-Finder of the committee, Professor Andrew Papachristos and to the student members Susannah Krapf SY '17, Tracy Wang SY '18 and Matthew Czarnecki DC '18 for their excellent input and service each week as part of the Coordinating Group as well as at full hearings and penalty hearings.

I thank Lisa Miller, Lisa Pitoniak and other staff in the Yale Dean's office for their assistance with organizing cases, communications, distributing documentation and with the day-to-day logistics that allow the Committee to function smoothly. I am also thankful to Susan Sawyer in the General Counsel's office and Dr. Lorraine Siggins for their critical input and expertise as consultants to the Committee.

Last but not least, I am deeply thankful to each of the residential college Deans, Masters and other advisors who have appeared before the Committee. The value of their most critical role in advising, preparing, counseling and supporting the students who appear before the Executive Committee is immeasurable.

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Professor of Geology & Geophysics

Professor of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Fall 2015

Formal Hearings

1 formal hearings, involving 1 student

Penalty Hearings

none

Dispositions without Formal Hearings

22 dispositions without formal hearings, involving 56 students

Penalties from dispositions and formal hearings

The following penalties were assigned to 57 students:

expulsions - 0

suspensions - 4

probations - 13

reprimands - 33

charge withdrawn - 7

withhold degree - 0

Academic Dishonesty Charges, including pending cases

21 students were charged with Academic Dishonesty which resulted in:

suspensions - 2

probations - 3

reprimands - 7

charge withdrawn - 2

withhold degree - 0

carried over to spring term - 7

Plagiarism

10 of the 21 cheating cases were plagiarism which resulted in:

suspensions - 1

probations - 1

reprimands - 4

charges withdrawn - 0

withhold degree - 0

carried over to the spring term - 4

Other Cheating

11 of the remaining cheating cases were other forms of cheating:

- 2 Collaborated on an assignment
- 1 Changed answers on a returned exam and then requested regrading
- 6 Copied answers from other student
- 1 Referred to notes during an exam
- 1 Submitted another student's problem set as her own

Referred Cases

42 students were referred.

42 of the 42 cases involved students who were intoxicated; 40 were transported to YNHH or University Health Services.

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Formal Hearing

In a formal hearing, a Junior, charged with Academic Dishonesty for unauthorized use of notes during a final exam, had charges withdrawn.

Dispositions without Formal Hearings

Junior, charged with Falsification of Documents & Misuse of Computer Services for fabricating emails while employed at the Yale Law School, was placed on probation for the remainder of her time at Yale.

Junior, charged with Academic Dishonesty for collaborating on a problem set with another student, was reprimanded.

Sophomore, charged with Academic Dishonesty for submitting another student's problem set as her own, was placed on probation for 2 terms.

Junior, charged with violating alcohol regulations for a 3rd transport the most recent from 37 High Street, to YNHH for alcohol intoxication, was placed on probation for the remainder of her time at Yale.

Junior charged with Defiance and violating Weapons regulations for theft of a prop gun and not cooperating with staff, was reprimanded. The weapons charge was withdrawn.

Sophomore, charged with Academic Dishonesty for copying another student during a final exam, was placed on probation for 2 terms.

Junior member of a society, charged with Hazing and Imperiling the Integrity of the University for hazing involving a deer head at Timothy Dwight College and mouse carcasses in Pierson and Saybrook colleges, was reprimanded.

Freshman, charged with 1) Alcohol (underage drinking) 2) Falsification of Documents (fake ID), 3) Defiance of Authority (lying to dean and master), 4) Theft (stealing a visiting student's fake i.d.), 5) Imperiling the integrity of Yale community for behavior in Berkeley College, was placed on probation for the remainder of the Fall term.

Freshman, charged with Theft and Defiance for stealing a fake i.d. from a visiting student and lying to a residential college deans and master in Berkeley & Pierson Colleges, was placed on probation for the remainder of the Fall term.

Senior, charged with Defiance and Imperiling the Integrity of the University for interfering with a police investigation on Howe Street near Crown, was reprimanded.

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Senior leader of a society, charged with Hazing and Imperiling the Integrity of the University for hazing involving a deer head at Timothy Dwight College and mouse carcasses in Pierson and Saybrook colleges, was placed on probation for the remainder of his time at Yale.

Junior member of a society, charged with Hazing and Imperiling the Integrity of the University for hazing involving a deer head at Timothy Dwight College and mouse carcasses in Pierson and Saybrook colleges, was reprimanded. The Hazing charge was withdrawn.

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Senior, charged with Hazing, Defiance and violating alcohol regulations, was reprimanded.

3 Juniors, charged with Trespassing and Defiance for posing as Ezra Stiles students to gain entry to the Ezra Stiles Dining Hall, had charges withdrawn.

Senior, charged with Hazing, Defiance and violating alcohol regulations, was reprimanded.

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Junior, charged with Misconduct for lying to the Coordinating Group of the Executive Committee, was suspended for 6 terms.

Sophomore, charged with Hazing, Defiance and violating alcohol regulations, was reprimanded.

Sophomore, charged with Academic Dishonesty for plagiarizing a homework assignment, was reprimanded.

Freshman, charged with Academic Dishonesty for plagiarizing an assignment, was placed on probation for 2 terms.

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Freshman, charged with Academic Dishonesty for turning in an altered exam for regrading, was suspended for 2 terms.

Junior president of a fraternity, charged with violating alcohol regulations for hosting an unregistered party at 395 Crown Street, had charge withdrawn.

Sophomore President of a club, charged with violating alcohol regulations for hosting an unregistered party at 395 Crown Street, had charge withdrawn.

Sophomore President of a society, charged with violating alcohol regulations for hosting an unregistered party at 395 Crown Street, had charge withdrawn.

Sophomore, charged with Acts of Violence for threatening to beat up a Yale Law School student and for punching a visiting student and being uncooperative with University police officers, was suspended for 1 term and placed on probation for 2 terms after reinstatement.

Freshman, charged with Academic Dishonesty for plagiarizing a paper, was suspended for 1 term.

2 Juniors, charged with Academic Dishonesty for copying each other's work on homework and a take-home exam, were reprimanded.

Freshman, charged with Willful Property Damage for kicking down a door in Bingham Hall, was reprimanded.

Sophomore, charged with imperiling the integrity of the university and Falsification of Documents for possession of multiple fake i.d.s., was reprimanded.

Senior, charged with Academic Dishonesty for plagiarizing a paper, was reprimanded.

Sophomore President of a society, charged with violating alcohol regulations for hosting an unregistered party at 395 Crown Street, had charge withdrawn.

Referrals

Senior, 20 y.o., found intoxicated in Davenport College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Lanman Wright entryway bathroom. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Davenport College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Davenport College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman found intoxicated at Phelps Gate. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman found intoxicated in Timothy Dwight College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 21 y.o., found intoxicated in Ezra Stiles entryway. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman found intoxicated at 45 Howe Street. Yale Security transport to Yale Health.

Sophomore, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Davenport College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in front of the Payne Whitney Gym. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Farnam Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Berkeley College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated at 23 Lake Place. West Haven Fire Department transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated at 29 Whalley Avenue. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Bingham Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Durfee Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Bingham Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Vanderbilt Hall. AMR determined transport not necessary.

Freshman, 18 y.o., "transported by AMR to YNHH for detox during the Yale/Cornell football game".

Junior, age unknown, "transported by AMR to YNHH for detox during the Yale/Cornell football game".

Freshman, age unknown, "transported by AMR to YNHH for detox during the Yale/Cornell football game".

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated at Elm St. & Temple St. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Trumbull College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Welch Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Timothy Dwight College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Vanderbilt Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Junior, 20 y.o., found intoxicated in Swing Dorm. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Durfee Hall. Nelson's Ambulance transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Lanman-Wright Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Welch Hall. Evaluated by AMR who concluded he did not need to be transported for detoxication.

Freshman, 19 y.o., found intoxicated on College Street in front of Silliman College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 20 y.o., found intoxicated in front of the Shubert Theater at 247 College St. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated at 367 Elm St. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Farnam Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated at 400 College St. AMR transport to YNHH.

Senior, 22 y.o., found intoxicated in Jonathan Edwards College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated at 41 High Street. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 20 y.o., found intoxicated in at the Cox Cage Tennis Courts. Transported by security to the Medical Response unit at the Yale Bowl.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated in Pierson College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Junior, 21 y.o., found intoxicated in Pierson College. AMR transport to YNHH.

Sophomore, 19 y.o., found intoxicated on a bench on the Rose Walk sidewalk. AMR transport to St. Raphael's hospital.

Freshman, 18 y.o., found intoxicated in Vanderbilt Hall. AMR transport to YNHH.