

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY REVIEW BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT
2020-2021**

To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

The Academic Integrity Review Board (AIRB) respectfully submits its activities for the 2020-21 academic year.

I. Committee Charge and Operation

The primary function of the Academic Integrity Review Board (AIRB) is to convene panels to hear student appeals of academic integrity cases. The Board also makes recommendations to the Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct (OAISC), and the Academic Senate regarding policies and procedures on academic integrity. The Board reports a summary of activities annually or as needed to the Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience (CTLSE).

Annie Lai, Clinical Professor of Law, chaired the Academic Integrity Review Board in 2020-21. The Board as a whole met 3 times. The Board received 27 appeals during the year, including during the Summer Quarter.

II. Campus and Divisional Issues

A. Appendix VIII Amendment – Student Enrollment

(Meeting Date: 12/11/20)

AIRB voted to approve an amendment that would clarify that the academic integrity policy applies to all students regardless of enrollment status. This came as a result of student inquiries into whether it was possible to avoid academic integrity violation sanctions by withdrawing from the university.

B. Hearing Procedures Amendment – Guidelines for Other Administrative Sanctions

(Meeting Date: 12/11/20)

AIRB voted to approve the addition of non-exhaustive language to ensure a mechanism for enforcement of sanctions for withdrawn or graduating students. The proposed amendment would add the withholding of transcripts to the list of sanction options.

C. Academic Integrity in Remote Learning

(Meeting Date: 12/11/20 - Memo Date: 12/23/2020)

AIRB discussed strategies to address academic integrity in light of remote learning. Members proposed working with OVPTL and DTEI to send a message to faculty with recommendations and resources on the topic.

D. Appendix VIII Amendment - Mandate for Regular Academic Integrity Training

(Meeting Date: 2/19/21)

The OAISC requested that the Board indicate its support for a policy that would mandate Academic Integrity training for all students. AIRB voted to approve the addition of the requirement to complete training on academic integrity with a provision that the training be developed in coordination with the OAISC and departments. The mandate would help ensure that students are reminded about academic integrity upon entering UCI and throughout their education.

E. Hearing Procedures Amendment – Findings of No Violation/Insufficient Evidence

(Meeting Date: 2/19/21 & 5/7/21)

This issue came as a result of observations that the procedure for consultation with faculty appeals of academic integrity violations is not workable and does not address when the Board makes a finding of insufficient evidence. The process previously approved by the Board required that AIRB convene a panel, investigate, and make a recommendation to the OAISC in all cases where OAISC was headed toward a finding of no violation/insufficient evidence. A new process was proposed that reflects existing OAISC and Board practice. If the OAISC anticipates a finding of insufficient evidence, the office reaches out to faculty to provide or clarify information. Consultation happens prior to the OAISC decision to ensure that the instructor has the every opportunity to educate the officer on their course and expectations of students. In cases where an appeal is taken and the Board makes a decision of no violation/insufficient evidence, AIRB will reach out the instructor after the decision is made. The goal of the conversation would be more forward looking and would share information about the process, AIRB standards, and the type of information the Board considers.

F. Preparing Students for Appeal Hearings

(Meeting Date: 2/19/21)

OAISC suggested that the AIRB compile some additional information to share with students in advance of hearings to help them prepare. The Board expressed that that it should not be the AIRB's responsibility to coach students through the process given that the Board is evaluating the student. Nevertheless, the AIRB Chair and the OAISC developed additional language to include in the student's hearing notification.

G. Review of New AIRB Member Training Materials

(Meeting Date: 5/7/21)

The Board discussed recommendations from a subcommittee on new member training materials and offered further recommendations for improvement.

H. Standard of Proof in Cases of Dismissal

(Meeting Date: 5/7/21)

AIRB discussed whether preponderance of the evidence is an appropriate standard of proof in cases involving a sanction of dismissal. There was concern that dismissal has far reaching impacts on a student's future prospects. Members discussed the possibility of amending procedures such that the OAISC takes a higher proof of standard in cases of dismissal. The majority of the Board generally opposed this. Members supported weighing each case individually and maintaining preponderance of evidence as the standard of proof.

I. Continuing Board Issues for 2021-22

1. Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct updates
2. Academic Integrity Policy and Procedures updates
3. Summer Hearings

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