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[Staff] Assembly Report from the 2010-11 Grievance, Appeals, and Judicial Committee (JAG)

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Dear members of the Shimer Community,

Since the last Assembly meeting in April, four Judicial Committee hearings have taken place related to violations in student residences of Shimer/IIT/State/Federal policies and/or law. All decisions have been communicated to the relevant parties.

Though the details of these hearings and decisions are confidential, the circumstances leading to these hearings were quite public; they raised considerable tensions within the community and strained our relationships with IIT. Much work has been done to strengthen these relations in the past months, and we ask all members to continue this work.

As we begin the new year, we should all review the introductory pages of the Student Handbook which delineate the Ethics Statement and the Rights and Responsibilities of being a member of the Shimer Community.

In addition, I quote from the Jurisdiction Section of the Handbook: "Students currently enrolled, whether they reside on campus or not, are subject to all College rules and regulations when on campus. On campus means the buildings and grounds of the College as well as the campuses and the buildings and grounds of the Illinois Institute of Technology and the Van der Cook School of Music.

Policies, procedures, and regulations established by IIT and the Van der Cook School of Music regarding housing, use of facilities and services, or otherwise applicable to Shimer students are also rules of Shimer College."

Sanctions and penalties, up to and including expulsion from the College, may be imposed for violations of these policies.

In addition to the hearings, the Committee's By-Laws for JAG hearings are currently being revised to clarify the procedures for JAG hearings; approval of proposed changes in the By-Laws will need to be approved by the Office of Student Life, and the next JAG Committee, in consultation with legal counsel.

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