Undergraduate Honor System Fall Report
We processed 68 cases during the fall semester

- 68 total cases: 24 academic cases and 44 conduct cases
  - 16 not guilty, 0 full guilty, 34 EHP, 18 HCAR
  *(please see appendix for hearing type explanations)*

- Additionally, there were 27 no charges, 23 of which were conduct cases, and 1 dropped conduct charge

Note: This graph is based on the 68 total cases processed from August 20 to December 4.
Faculty outreach is expanding through a partnership with Faculty Liaisons and the FHSAC

- FHSAC Chair Judith Wegner led a faculty liaison training in November
- A Sakai site for faculty liaisons was launched
- In August, the Department Outreach Program was launched.
  - 39 student liaison volunteers
  - 34 faculty liaison volunteers
  - 48 academic departments
  - 11 professional/graduate schools
- We have worked in conjunction with the Faculty Honor System Advisory Committee (FHSAC) to identify resources that Outreach can work to provide
Honor System partnership with Faculty Liaisons and FHSAC continues to break ground

- The History and Philosophy Departments have requested and received departmental presentations
- Five more departments have requested presentations, which are scheduled to occur in January
- We continue to work with the Faculty Honor System Advisory Committee (FHSAC) to identify how Outreach can make more targeted resources for instructors
- A select number of departments still need a faculty liaison. Professor Judith Wegner (judith_wegner@live.unc.edu) is actively recruiting!
As Outreach continues to ramp up accessibility to students, creating a cohesive message remains a priority.

- The Outreach leadership team, the Student Attorney General, the Honor Court Chair, and the Office of Student Conduct have worked extensively to identify the mission and goals of Outreach.
- Specific targets ensure that all presentations, whether given to departments, student athletes, or general public forums, relay the most salient information.
- We have examined all of our Outreach materials and communications to ensure the Honor System exacts a professional standard in everything we do.
- Outreach handouts have been recreated to include an easier-to-read format and feature the student-designed logo.
The Committee on Student Conduct is working to improve the Honor System

• A full draft of a new *Instrument* was developed. This includes:
  – An informal Student Instructor Alternative Resolution
  – A change in the burden of proof to clear and convincing evidence
  – The removal of the usual sanction of suspension for all academic cases
  – The addition of a faculty member to the fact finding phase of academic not guilty cases
  – An XF grade
  – A new charge that clarifies that is an Honor Code violation for a student to subvert the requirements of an assignment by turning in previously submitted work.

• COSC hopes to present the new *Instrument* to Faculty Council and Student Congress in the spring
• 192 total cases: 95 academic cases & 97 conduct
  – 55 NG hearings
  – 4 FG hearings
  – 90 EHPs
  – 43 HCARs
• On the 192 cases, there were 252 total charges*
  – 139 academic charges
  – 113 conduct charges
• There were 47 no charges, 39 of which were conduct cases
• There were 7 dropped charges, 4 of which were conduct cases

*Some cases have multiple charges

Note: This graph is based on the 192 total cases processed since February 18, 2013
Findings and Hearing Types for February 18, 2013 through December 4, 2013

- Of the 139 academic charges there were 114 guilty findings and 25 not guilty findings

- Of the 113 conduct charges there were 104 guilty findings and 9 not guilty findings

- In total, 87% of cases have a guilty finding
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Hearing types explained

• **‘Not Guilty’ Hearing:** A Not Guilty (NG) hearing is held when the accused student pleads “Not Guilty” to the charge(s) and wishes to contest the evidence against him/her. Both parties have the opportunity to present relevant evidence and testimony. The Court then goes into closed deliberation and issues a judgment of Guilty or Not Guilty for the charge(s) based on majority voting. If the accused student is found Guilty of one or more violations, the hearing will proceed into phase two – sanctioning. If the accused student is found Not Guilty of all alleged violations, the hearing ends. NG hearings typically last from 3 to 6 or more hours.

• **‘Full Guilty’ Hearing:** A Full Guilty (FG) hearing is held when the accused student pleads “Guilty” to the charge(s) but wishes to contest a specific portion of the evidence that does not dispute the broader spirit of the offense. This could focus on specific evidence such as the BAC level involved in a DWI, which sources were plagiarized in a paper, or differing storylines with the complainant. FG hearings typically follow a very similar structure and style to that of NG hearings, only with a focused fact-finding phase which discusses only the evidence in dispute. After all parties have had a chance to present evidence and testimony, the Court will issue a judgment regarding the disputed facts and move directly into the sanctioning phase. FG hearings typically last from 2 to 4 hours, largely depending on the extent of disputed evidence and complexity of the case.

• **Expedited Hearing Process:** An Expedited Hearing Process (EHP) is held when the accused student pleads “Guilty” to the charge(s) without disputing any of the factual evidence. EHPs are less formal than NG or FG hearings and involve only 3 Honor Court members. While the complainant is not required to attend, he/she has a right to attend if he/she so chooses. There is no formal fact-finding phase in an EHP; instead, the accused student gives an account of the incident to the Honor Court (which must be in agreement with the factual evidence) after which the hearing moves directly into the sanctioning phase. The SAG must approve a case to be eligible for an EHP. EHP hearings typically last 1.5 to 3 hours.

• **Honor Court Alternative Resolution:** An Honor Court Alternative Resolution (HCAR) is held at the discretion of the SAG for cases that are simple in nature. An HCAR is not a formal hearing and is not recorded. Instead, the Honor Court Chair and one Vice Chair sit down with the accused student and his/her defense counsel to offer a sanction. In an HCAR, the student will receive something less than suspension of the Court Chair, or if suspension or a more severe sanction might be warranted, will determine that it should not be processed as an HCAR. As always, the accused student has the choice to accept or reject the proposed sanction. If the accused student accepts the proposed sanction, his/her Honor System case is complete. If the accused student rejects the proposed sanction, he/she is committed to a guilty plea and moves directly into an EHP from which a binding sanction is imposed. HCARs typically last 30 minutes.