

A Resolution Requesting Academic Departments to Stop Using the Honor Code Stamp

WHEREAS: The Skidmore Honor Code reads:

"I hereby accept membership in the Skidmore College community and, with full realization of the responsibilities inherent in membership, do agree to adhere to honesty and integrity in all relationships, to be considerate of the rights of others, and to abide by the College regulations." AND

WHEREAS: Students are required to agree to and sign the following statement upon completion of all examinations in order to ensure that Honor Code was upheld by the student during that examination:

"I have not witnessed any wrongdoing, nor have I personally violated any conditions of the Skidmore College Honor Code while taking this examination." AND

WHEREAS: The Skidmore Honor Code is an absolutely essential part of upholding the integrity of the academic *and* social communities at Skidmore College. AND

WHEREAS: There is a growing concern from various constituencies across campus that the Skidmore Honor Code is not receiving the amount of respect from students necessary for maintaining the levels of integrity that this educational institution deserves and should demand. AND

WHEREAS: Violations of the Skidmore Honor Code during examinations that go unreported by students are not only a breach of the Honor Code itself, but represent a general lack of respect to this educational institution and to the other students involved in the examination. THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Skidmore College Student Senate formally recommends to all academic departments that they stop using the "Honor Code Stamp" during examinations immediately. AND BE IT FUTHER

RESOLVED: That the Skidmore College Student Senate formally recommends to the Skidmore faculty that all students be required to *write-out and sign* the following upon completion of an examination in order to make certain the students have taken a moment to think about whether or not they witnessed or personally violated any conditions of the Skidmore Honor Code:

"I have not witnessed any wrongdoing, nor have I personally violated any conditions of the Skidmore College Honor Code while taking this examination."