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Since the student in question has sufficient evidence against her, the Honor Board should follow through with an investigation of the case. In the Honor Board's Constitution, Article II, Section 2.02, part 5 states that:

"The Honor Board shall investigate all reported violations and, if deemed necessary, conduct hearings. Hearings are a forum in which students determine the occurrence of a violation based upon evidence and facts that are presented."

By no means is the student's one-year leave of absence a legitimate reason to suspend the Honor Board's investigation and not proceed with a hearing. Section 3.03 states that:

"Students shall be required to appear before Investigating Committees, hearings, or other case-related Honor Board functions when requested to do so by the Honor Board."

In addition, Article IV, Section 4.02, part 6 states:

"No case against a person accused of a violation of the Honor System shall be dropped because the student severs his connection with the Institute. The continuation of the case is outlined in the by-laws."

Even if the accused were to leave Stevens for a year without being brought in for a hearing, the Honor Board keeps full records of all evidence gathered during an investigation. Article III, Section 3.01, part 5 states that:

"The Honor Board Advisor shall keep on record the disposition of any open cases when an accused student severs ties with the Institute before the conclusion of an investigation. These files will be available to the Honor Board if the student returns to Stevens."

In the same section, part 10 states:

"The Office of Student Life and Development shall secure storage to keep copies of all evidence received by the Honor Board."

The accused student would have no way of escaping her hearing, and the Honor Board would have full control of the situation. The Constitution and by-laws anticipated such an event, and there is a procedure already in place.