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Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
(212) 854-2024

April 26, 1993

Stephen Rittenberg
Rules Administrator
406 Low Library
Columbia University
New York, New York 10027

Dear Mr. Rittenberg:

You have requested copies of any letters that I have written to set appointments for the Barnard students who were charged with simple violations of the University Rules of Conduct. However, in order to comply with the requirement that scheduling occur within 48 hours of the filing of charges, all of our appointments were made by telephone.

I have now met with twelve of the fourteen students who were charged. In addition, one is not registered this term, and one, a first-year student, has failed to make an appointment, but may still do so.

We are presently engaged in considering interview reports along with other evidence. As you might imagine, everything here, including our review process, has been very much affected by the tragic deaths of two members of the current Barnard faculty, but we shall attempt to catch up as quickly as possible.

I hope to notify students within a few days of the disposition of their cases--with copies to you.

Very truly yours,

Barbara S. Schmitter
Vice President and Dean for
Student Affairs

Name	"present from...to"	2nd sentence, 3rd paragr.	Sanction 4th paragr.	Term(s) 4th paragr.	Period 4th paragr.
Backer	"throughout the demonstration"	1	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993"
Cohen	"for a substantial part of the demonstration"	2	"Censure"	.	"Censure until completion of the degree"
Duran	"throughout the demonstration"	2	"Censure"		"Censure until completion of the degree"
Johnson	"until 2:00 and after 4:30"	1	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993"
Joor	"intermittently"	2	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993, or until you complete the degree if that is sooner"
Keaney	"throughout the demonstration"	1	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993"
Kim	"from 2:30 until the end of the demonstration"	2	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993"
Miller	"until 4:30"	1	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993"
Nelson	"throughout the demonstration"	2	"Disciplinary Warning"	3	"May 6, 1993 to May 13, 1994"
Nutrise	"for a substantial part of the demonstration"	2	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993"
Singleton	"before 3:30 and after 6:00"	2	"Disciplinary Warning"		"from May 6, 1993 until you complete the degree"
Yablonski	"after 2:30"	2	"Disciplinary Warning"	2	"May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993"

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May 7, 1993

Ms. Maura E. Keaney
McIntosh Box #350

Dear Maura,

As a result of your participation in a demonstration at Hamilton Hall on December 14, 1992, you have been charged with a number of violations of the Rules of University Conduct. Because these charges were designated by the Rules Administrator as simple violations, they were referred to me as a Barnard dean to apply the rules as they pertain to you.

You have described to me your individual actions in the demonstration, and in addition I have received information about them from the University authorities. I have read the transcripts of the University hearings this spring and viewed the videotapes by which you were identified as a participant. I have also read the group statement submitted by a number of demonstrators that speaks to the specific charges and to the effects on them academically and personally of the lengthy period between the notice of complaints and the filing of charges. While that statement does not differentiate among the signers as to each student's role in the demonstration, on the basis of my review, I have distinguished varying degrees of participation and intent.

You have described the extent of your own participation and have told me that you were present throughout the demonstration. You have further said that last fall term was your first at Barnard and that you were not aware of the necessity of knowing the Rules of University Conduct. Parenthetically, although this last factor may, in your view, be mitigating, I am not persuaded that you were unaware of the likelihood that rules were being broken.

In view of the above, I find that you did commit simple violations of the rules of University Conduct (Sections 413(a)12, 413(a)13, 413(a)19, and 413(a)7). As provided in the Rules, such violations carry a penalty of disciplinary warning or of censure. Taking into account the unusual length of these disciplinary proceedings, your knowledge and intent, and the extent of your participation, I have deemed an appropriate sanction to be Disciplinary Warning for two terms. Accordingly, your official record will contain the notation: Disciplinary Warning from May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993. At the end of this period, the notation will be removed.

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Maura E. Keaney

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As I have told you, you are entitled by the College's rules to appeal this decision next fall to the appellate section of the Barnard Judicial Council. Since it is late in the term, may I ask you to call my assistant, Susan Cohn, at x4-3075 or x4-2024 to tell her that you have received this letter. If you have any questions, let me know.

Very truly yours,

Barbara S. Schmitter
Vice President and Dean
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cc: Stephen Rittenberg
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May 7, 1993

Ms. Eddie A. Backer
McIntosh Box #32

Dear Eddie,

As a result of your participation in a demonstration at Hamilton Hall on December 14, 1992, you have been charged with a number of violations of the Rules of University Conduct. Because these charges were designated by the Rules Administrator as simple violations, they were referred to me as a Barnard dean to apply the rules as they pertain to you.

You have described to me your individual actions in the demonstration, and in addition I have received information about them from the University authorities. I have read the transcripts of the University hearings this spring and viewed the videotapes by which you were identified as a participant. I have also read the group statement submitted by a number of demonstrators that speaks to the specific charges and to the effects on them academically and personally of the lengthy period between the notice of complaints and the filing of charges. While that statement does not differentiate among the signers as to each student's role in the demonstration, on the basis of my review, I have distinguished varying degrees of participation and intent.

You have described the extent of your own participation and have told me that you were present throughout the demonstration. You have further said that last fall term was your first at Barnard and that you were not aware of the necessity of knowing the Rules of University Conduct. Parenthetically, although this last factor may, in your view, be mitigating, I am not persuaded that you were unaware of the likelihood that rules were being broken.

In view of the above, I find that you did commit simple violations of the rules of University Conduct (Sections 413(a)12, 413(a)13, and 413(a)19). As provided in the Rules, such violations carry a penalty of disciplinary warning or of censure. Taking into account the unusual length of these disciplinary proceedings, your knowledge and intent, and the extent of your participation, I have deemed an appropriate sanction to be Disciplinary Warning for two terms. Accordingly, your official record will contain the notation: Disciplinary Warning from May 6, 1993 to December 23, 1993. At the end of this period, the notation will be removed.

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Eddie A. Backer

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As I have told you, you are entitled by the College's rules to appeal this decision next fall to the appellate section of the Barnard Judicial Council. Since it is late in the term, may I ask you to call my assistant, Susan Cohn, at x4-3075 or x4-2024 to tell her that you have received this letter. If you have any questions, let me know.

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Ms. Tamara R. Cohen
McIntosh Box #633

Dear Tamara,

As a result of your participation in a demonstration at Hamilton Hall on December 14, 1992, you have been charged with a number of violations of the Rules of University Conduct. Because these charges were designated by the Rules Administrator as simple violations, they were referred to me as a Barnard dean to apply the rules as they pertain to you.

You have described to me your individual actions in the demonstration, and in addition I have received information about them from the University authorities. I have read the transcripts of the University hearings this spring and viewed the videotapes by which you were identified as a participant. I have also read the group statement submitted by a number of demonstrators that speaks to the specific charges and to the effects on them academically and personally of the lengthy period between the notice of complaints and the filing of charges. While that statement does not differentiate among the signers as to each student's role in the demonstration, on the basis of my review, I have distinguished varying degrees of participation and intent.

You have described the extent of your own participation and have told me that you were present for a substantial part of the demonstration. Although you have told me that you did not hear the University delegate's dispersal warning, it seems clear that you have been a member of the University community for sufficient time to have become aware of the rules and to know, or to suspect strongly, that they were being broken.

In view of the above, I find that you did commit simple violations of the rules of University Conduct (Sections 413(a)12, 413(a)13, 413(a)19, and 413(a)7). As provided in the Rules, such violations carry a penalty of disciplinary warning or of censure. Taking into account the unusual length of these disciplinary proceedings, your knowledge and intent, and the extent of your participation, I have deemed an appropriate sanction to be Censure. Accordingly, your official record will contain the notation: Censure until completion of the degree. At the end of this period, the notation will be removed.

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Tamara R. Cohen

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As I have told you, you are entitled by the College's rules to appeal this decision next fall to the appellate section of the Barnard Judicial Council. Since it is late in the term, may I ask you to call my assistant, Susan Cohn, at x4-3075 or x4-2024 to tell her that you have received this letter. If you have any questions, let me know.

Very truly yours,

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