

## AAC Committee: The UC Davis Campus Judicial Board

### *Annual Report for the 2017-2018 School Year*

As usual, the UC Davis Campus Judicial Board had a busy and productive year.

The Board conducted 25 formal hearings last year. Each case was adjudicated by a CJB panel consisting of two student members of the Board (one of whom chaired the Hearing) and one faculty member of CJB. Student members of the Board also served as advisors to either the reporting party or the reported student, and as recording monitors.

With the exception of sexual violence, harassment and stalking cases (which are handled differently), 95% of all reported incidents of academic and social misconduct at UC Davis are resolved *informally* (meaning without the need for a formal hearing). In most cases, the student admits responsibility for the misconduct and agrees to disciplinary sanctions proposed by the University. Only those 5% of cases where the student denies wrongdoing yet there is sufficient evidence to warrant a hearing are referred on to a formal hearing.

The students on the Board received extensive training from the Office of Student Support & Judicial Affairs (OSSJA) about how to “hear” these cases objectively and effectively. They learned about different kinds of evidence, how to evaluate evidence, and how to ask good questions during a formal hearing. This volunteer opportunity helps students on the Board to develop their critical thinking and analysis abilities, and to develop and hone their leadership skills.

In terms of outreach, the student members of the Board were actively engaged with the campus community on multiple fronts. They participated in a variety of welcome fairs and put on multiple tabling events. They hosted several other smaller events as well, including “Coffee & Integri-Tea” and “Do-nut Cheat.” Both events were big successes, especially the Do-nut Cheat event, at which they gave out free donuts along with information about University policies related to academic conduct and encouraged their peers to do their work honestly.

As always, the full impact of the outreach efforts of the Campus Judicial Board is difficult to assess, although research supports the contention that having students actively and visibly involved in promoting and upholding academic honesty on college campuses *does* reduce the incidence of dishonest conduct.

All in all, the Campus Judicial Board continues to meet regularly, work hard, and fulfill its mission of promoting and upholding academic integrity on the UC Davis campus through outreach, education, and – when necessary – the fair adjudication of disputed cases of academic and social misconduct.