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Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Smith Campus Center, Fourth Floor
Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138

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Dear Redacted - PII

This letter is to inform you that the Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct (OAISC) is investigating a concern that on April 20, 2024, you may have disrupted the China Conference at the Harvard Kennedy School by interrupting the speaker, making loud noises, and chanting, which resulted in you being escorted from the event.

The rules of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, in the section on “Standards of Conduct in the Harvard Community” in the *2023-2024 Harvard College Student Handbook*, state that,

It is the expectation of the College that all students, whether or not they are on campus or are currently enrolled as degree candidates, will behave in a mature and responsible manner. This expectation for mature and responsible conduct also encompasses accountability for one’s own well-being, including responsible decision-making regarding physical and mental health. Further, the College expects every student to be familiar with the regulations governing membership in the Harvard community, set forth in the pages that follow. Because students are expected to show good judgment and use common sense at all times, not all kinds of misconduct or behavioral standards are codified here. The College takes all these diverse principles very seriously; together they create a foundation for the responsible, respectful society that Harvard seeks to foster among its students, faculty, and staff.

[Harvard College Student Handbook, Page 49](#)

The section on “Honesty” in the *2023-2024 Harvard College Student Handbook*, states that,

The College expects that all students will be honest and forthcoming in their dealings with the members of this community. Further, the College expects that students will answer truthfully questions put to them by a properly identified officer of the University.

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Failure to do so ordinarily will result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the requirement to withdraw from the College.

All students are required to respect private and public ownership; instances of theft, misappropriation, or unauthorized use of or damage to property or materials not one's own will ordinarily result in disciplinary action, including requirement to withdraw from the College.

A student who commits an offense against law and order during a public disturbance or demonstration or who disregards the instructions of any other University officer at such a time is subject to disciplinary action and may be required to withdraw.

[Harvard College Student Handbook, Page 53](#)

Additionally, the section on "Faculty Resolutions in the 2023-2024 Harvard College Student Handbook" states that,

The University places special emphasis, as well, upon certain values which are essential to its nature as an academic community. Among these are freedom of speech and academic freedom, freedom from personal force and violence, and freedom of movement. Interference with any of these freedoms must be regarded as a serious violation of the personal rights upon which the community is based. Furthermore, although the administrative processes and activities of the University cannot be ends in themselves, such functions are vital to the orderly pursuit of the work of all members of the University. Therefore, interference with members of the University in performance of their normal duties and activities must be regarded as unacceptable obstruction of the essential processes of the University.

[Harvard College Student Handbook, Page 53](#)

When an allegation of misconduct is received, the Administrative Board is charged by the Faculty to investigate the case and determine if the rules of the Faculty have been violated. As such, I write to notify you that the Board is investigating this allegation and this letter serves as the official "charge letter" as spelled out in the procedures of the Administrative Board (<http://www.adboard.fas.harvard.edu>).

To start the process, I will meet with you, provide you with information about the Board process, and provide you with copies of the material in question that will be considered by the Board.

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If you have any questions about the process or the case, please do not hesitate to contact me or your Board Representative.

Sincerely,

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