

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 40, Spring 2013
November 6, 2013

Members Present:

Adriana Bracho (presiding), Hurst Williamson (clerk), Seth Lauer, Sarah Tooth, Abby Endler, Aaroh Parikh, John Cavallo, John King, Komal Agarwal, Michael Zeringue (Observing)

Ombuds: Divya Bhat

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A and Student B of unauthorized collaboration for a lower level chemistry course.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's Written Statement
- Student B's Written Statement
- Emails between Student and Professor
- Professor Deposition
- Witness Testimony
- Sample Student Exams

Plea:

Student A pled not in violation.

Student B withdrew under article XXII.

Testimony:

In her opening statement, Student A stated that she finished the exam and left the testing room the night of the exam. She said that afterward she received a call from a friend in the same class saying that her exam was missing. She said that it became clear rather quickly that Student B had taken Student A's exam and then discarded it. Student A said that she, the professor, and her friends searched for the exam, but it was not found until the next morning. Student A said that her professor found the exam the next morning in poor condition but that she, Student A, did not press the issue until it came to the Council's attention.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because it was clear that Student B had tampered with Student A's work without Student A's knowledge.

Straw Poll #1: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that a violation occurred?

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

The Council then discussed whether or not Student A committed the violation. No one believed that Student A was in violation.

Straw Poll #2: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that Student A is “In Violation?”

Yes: 0

No: 9

Abstentions: 0

Decision:

The Honor Council thus finds Student A “ Not In Violation” of the Honor Code.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 15 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Hurst Williamson
Clerk