

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 21, Fall 2013
February 17, 2013

Members Present:

Isabelle Lelogeais (presiding), Shantan Cheemerla (clerk), Seth Lauer, Shayak Sengupta, Sam Kwiatkowski, Chloe Tula, Aaroh Parikh, Josiah Grace, Shep Patterson

Ombuds: Jayme Smith

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A and Student B of unauthorized collaboration on an exam for an upper level CAAM course.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Student B's written statement
- Course Syllabus
- Student A Exam
- Student B Exam
- Expert Deposition
- Professor Deposition
- Sample Student Exams
- Sample Student homeworks
- Homework solutions

Plea:

Student A withdrew under Article XII.
Student B pled "Not in Violation."

Testimony:

Student B took exam in Rayzor Hall around dinner time and turned it in immediately after. Student B did not work with Student A. Student B knows Student A through a mutual friend. Student B thinks that Student A copied his exam because some of the wrong answers resulted from Student B's misconceptions about the problem. Student B walked the council through his exam, explaining his thinking and why he got questions wrong. Student B met with the professor to discuss all of the exam questions. Student B said exam was turned in to Duncan Hall mailroom. Student B worked on classroom in Rayzor Hall alone and turned the exam in the day before the deadline.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because of the extreme similarity of the exams, in conjunction with the expert deposition.

Vote #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 B committed the violation. Members stated that evidence was not conclusive enough to show that student B was in violation. Members noted similarities between Student B's homework answers and his responses on the exam. Student B was able to explain his answers to the council. Student B also turned in his exam before Student A.

Vote #2: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that Student B is "In Violation?"

Yes: 0

No: 9

Abstentions: 0

Decision:

The Honor Council thus finds Student B "Not in Violation" of the Honor Code.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 17 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Shantan Cheemerla
Clerk