

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 5, Fall 2015
November 4, 2015

Members Present:

Alex Metcalf (presiding), Claire Bonnyman (clerk), Allie Salter, Sara Meadow, Mario Aragon, Reece Rosenthal, Bradley Hamilton, Elliot Baerman, Emilia Duno

Ombuds: Carey Wang

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received Student A's self-accusation of unauthorized aid on a take-home exam in an upper level CAAM course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement

Plea:

Student A pled "in violation."

Testimony:

Student A opened by discussing his written statement in which he mentioned that he was pressured to cheat on a take-home exam. He emphasized that he felt very guilty, which drove him to self-accuse. He discussed which portions of the test he received unauthorized aid on and spoke about the weight of the assignment in the course. He further discussed his guilt and the reasons why he decided to drop the course. The student closed by talking about his guilt about cheating and that he has told us all he can about the incident.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because of the student's testimony.

Vote: 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. The Council saw no reason to think that anyone other than the student would be in violation.

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

Yes: 9
 No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Penalty Deliberations:

Council members opened by discussing mitigating circumstances. The student self-accused and was very cooperative. There were no aggravating factors.

Vote: What is the appropriate penalty for Student A?

F in the course and 3 semesters of suspension:	0
F in the course and 2 semesters of suspension:	0
F in the course and 1 semester of suspension:	0
F in the course:	0
3 letter grade reduction:	0
2 letter grade reduction:	0
1 letter grade reduction:	0
2/3 letter grade reduction	0
1/3 letter grade reduction	0
Letter of Reprimand	9
Abstentions:	0

Decision:

The Honor Council thus finds Student A “In Violation” of the Honor Code and recommends that he receive a letter of reprimand. A Prior Violation Flag is also attached to his record.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 15 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
 Claire Bonnyman
 Clerk