

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 51, Spring 2016
December 11, 2016

Members Present:

Katie Jensen (presiding), Alex Metcalf (clerk), Stefano Romano, Claire Bonnyman, Angel Garces, Ellen Diemert

Ombuds: Natalie Danckers

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of plagiarism for a lower level sport management course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Job description
- Paper instruction
- Syllabus
- Student paper

Plea:

Student A pled "in violation".

Testimony:

Student A declined to make an opening statement. Upon questioning, the student stated he copied and pasted from a website, and he did not cite his sources.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the student stated that a violation occurred. Furthermore, there was sufficient overlap between the assignment and website to suggest that a violation occurred.

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

Yes: 6
 No: 0
 Abstentions: 0

The Council then discussed whether or not Student A committed the violation. Based on student testimony, as well as evidence, Council members concluded that Student A committed a violation.

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

Yes: 6

No: 0
 Abstentions: 0

Penalty Deliberations:

Council members opened by discussing mitigating circumstances. Council members saw no mitigating factors.

Council members discussed the appropriate penalty, using the consensus penalty structure to guide conversation.

Vote #3: 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:	6
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	0
Abstentions:	0

Decision:

The Honor Council thus finds Student A “In Violation” of the Honor Code and recommends that he receive an F in the course.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 10 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Metcalf
 Clerk