

Abstract of the Honor Council**Case 1, Fall 2016****September 14, 2016****Members Present:**

Katie Jensen (presiding), Yash Tarkunde (clerk), Ike Arjmand, Joanne Kim, Jake Reinhart, Ellen Diemert

Ombuds: Matt Nobles**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of using disallowed materials on an assignment for a lower level chemistry course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Course materials access report
- 2015 Exam Key
- Course Honor Code slide
- Student A's problem set
- Professor clarification
- Syllabus
- TA Statement

Plea:

Student A pled "in violation."

Testimony:

Student A remembers the incident that occurred and agrees with the account from the letter of accusation.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the evidence was overwhelming, and Student A himself agreed with the evidence that was presented.

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. The Council unanimously agreed that it was clear 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. The Council agreed that no mitigating factors and aggravating factors were appropriate.

The Council discussed the violation and deliberated whether a 1 letter grade reduction was appropriate. In this case, since the assignment in question was worth less than 1% of the course grade, it was determined that a 1 letter grade reduction was reasonable.

Vote #4: 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: 6

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 a 1 letter grade reduction. A Prior Violation Flag is also attached to his record.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 20 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Yash Tarkunde

Clerk