

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 22, Fall 2013
February 16, 2014

Members Present:

Isabelle Lelogeais (presiding), Claire Bonnyman (clerk), Seth Lauer, Lynn Fahey, Hurst Williamson, Avani Shah, Allen Hu, Michael Jin, Sarah Tooth

Ombuds: Jayme Smith

Letter of Accusation:

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

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's Written Statement
- Student B's Written Statement
- Course Syllabus
- Exam Instructions
- Student A Exam
- Student B Exam
- Expert Deposition
- Addition to Expert Deposition
- Witness Deposition 1
- Witness Deposition 2
- Email Record

Plea:

Student A withdrew under Article XII, Section 1 of the Honor Council Constitution
Student B pled "not in violation."

Testimony:

Student B provided evidence that she took the test in Fondren library on December 14th, in a study room and a table on the same floor. She then turned her test in, returned to the library, and told her roommates that she had turned the exam in. Her roommates sent emails to the Honor Council to confirm that this happened. She turned in the exam 3 days before the due date.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the exams are strikingly similar in the errors made and the answers given.

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 B committed the violation. Based on the evidence in the exams, the fact that Student B gave more explanation to her answers, and the expert depositions, it does not appear that Student B committed a violation.

Straw Poll #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: 20 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Bonnyman
Clerk