

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 8, Fall 2013**  
**November 18, 2013**

**Members Present:**

Adriana Bracho (presiding), Shantan Cheemerla (clerk), Michael Farner, Cesar Udave, Komal Agarwal, Aaroh Parikh, Erin Rieger, Michael Williams-Hart, Shayak Sengupta, Allen Hu (Observing), Brett Leatherwood (Observing)

**Ombuds:** Ira Shrivastava

**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A and Student B of unauthorized collaboration for a take-home midterm exam for an upper level Mechanical Engineering course.

**Evidence Submitted:**

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Student B's written statement
- Course Syllabus
- Student A Exam
- Student B Exam
- Professor Solution
- Sample Student Problem 4b Examples

**Plea:**

Student A pled "Not in Violation."

**Testimony:**

Student B withdrew under Article XII.

Student A stated that she took the exam and left it in an accessible place. She said that the exam was accessed by Student B and used on Student B's assignment. Student A had no idea that Student B had committed this violation. Student A had intended to take exam with her, but forgot and had to go back to get the exam and turn it in.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because Student B's written statement admitted to the violation and because the evidence shows exact similarities.

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

Yes: 9 + 2 observing

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

The Council then discussed whether or not Student A committed the violation. Council stated that just leaving the exam out does not constitute a violation. Student A was not aware of Student B's intention to copy her exam. Council believes there was a breach of trust by Student B, but Student A did nothing to suspect her of committing a violation.

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

Yes: 0

No: 9 + 2 observing

Abstentions: 0

**Decision:**

The Honor Council thus finds Student A "Not In Violation" of the Honor Code.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 13 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Shantan Cheemerla

Clerk