Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 5, Fall 2014
11/6/14

Members Present:
Hurst Williamson (presiding), Claire Bonnyman (clerk), Destiney Randolph, Jacob Schneckloth, Emilia Duno, Kristin Sweeney, Owais Syed, Shantan Chemeerla, Maria Montalvo, Isabel Alison (observing), Natalie Swanson (observing)

Ombuds: Natalie Danckers

Letter of Accusation:
The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of unauthorized aid on an exam for a lower level PSYC course.

Evidence Submitted:
- Letter of Accusation
- Student A’s written statement
- Course Syllabus
- Student A’s Exam

Plea:
Student A pled “in violation.”

Testimony:
Student A confirmed that he was in violation of the Honor Code and used notes on one part of the exam but not the whole exam. He closed by restating that he was in violation.

Verdict Deliberations:
Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because of the student’s testimony and the letter of accusation.

Straw Poll #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.

Straw Poll #2: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that Student A is “In Violation?”
Yes: 9+2 observing
No: 0
Abstentions: 0
Penalty Deliberations:
Council members opened by discussing mitigating circumstances. The Council members mitigated for cooperation because of his full disclosure and some mitigated for amount of the assignment in violation and/or weight of the assignment. The Council members did not see any aggravating factors.

Straw Poll #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: 9 +2 observing
- 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 a 1 letter grade reduction. A Prior Violation Flag is also attached to his record.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 20 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Bonnyman
Clerk