Abstract of the Honor Council  
Case 22, Fall 2014  
January 27, 2015

Members Present:
Hurst Williamson (presiding), Jacob Schneckloth (clerk), Alex Metcalf, Lynn Fahey,  
Julia Liu, Sarah Frazier, Jake Hassell, Clark Zha, Isabel Alison

Ombuds: Natalie Danckers

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

Evidence Submitted:
- Letter of Accusation
- Student A’s written statement
- Student A’s original exam
- Student A’s notes
- Course Syllabus
- Blank front page of the exam

Plea:
Student A pled “in violation.”

Testimony:
The student stated that she used notes from her backpack for questions 2 and 4 because she was having trouble with the final exam. Her professor took the notes away following problem 4.

Verdict Deliberations:
Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because of both the student’s testimony and the evidence in our possession.

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 A committed the violation. No reasons or evidence were given to the contrary.

Straw Poll #2: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that Student A is “In Violation?”
Yes: 9
Penalty Deliberations:
Council members found neither mitigating nor aggravating circumstances.

Discussion revealed that the Council was generally on the line between an F in the course and an F and 1 semester suspension. As the violation occurred on a final exam and the notes were kept out, the Council believes the stronger penalty is more appropriate.

Vote: 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: 8
F in the course: 1
3 letter grade reduction: 0
2 letter grade reduction: 0
1 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 she receive an F in the course and 1 semester of suspension. A Prior Violation Flag is also attached to her record.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 30 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Jacob Schneckloth
Clerk