Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 25, Fall 2014
February 18th, 2015

Members Present:
Alex Metcalf (presiding), Claire Bonnyman (clerk), Helen Sharpless, Maria Montavlo, Billy Rothwell, Lynn Fahey, Sam Kwiatkowski, Owais Syed, Michael Jin

Ombuds: Divya Bhat

Letter of Accusation:
The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of unauthorized aid in an upper level BIOE course.

Evidence Submitted:
- Letter of Accusation
- Course Syllabus
- Student A’s Written statement
- Student A’s Exam
- Witness’ Exam
- Witness Statement
- Proctor Statement
- Classmate Statement
- Exam Solutions
- Solutions for two Class Problem Sets
- Email Correspondence between Student A and Instructor
- Problem Set Announcement

Plea:
Student A pled “not in violation.”

Testimony:
Student A described the events of the day in question. He explained that he used the problem sets and their solutions to study for the exam and memorized the equations from the problem sets and how to apply them. He used his textbook to show where he got some of the information that he remembered when he was taking the test. He explained how he solved all the problems on his test, the thought processes that went into them, and how they relate to the problem sets that were assigned in class. Student A brought his past exams to show that he uses a similar problem solving style on all of his exams and that he uses the textbook and problem set solutions to study.

Verdict Deliberations:
Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation did not occur because of the evidence and testimony cannot definitively prove that a violation occurred and there is a good amount of hearsay.
Vote: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that a violation occurred?
Yes: 1
No: 8
Abstentions: 0

**Decision:**
The Honor Council thus finds Student A “Not In Violation” of the Honor Code.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 1 hour

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Bonnyman
Clerk