Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 28, Fall 2014
February 17, 2015

Members Present:
Hurst Williamson (presiding), Emilia Duno (clerk), Jake Krauss, Destiney Randolph, Isaac Batt, Isabel Allison, Katie Stewart, Komal Agarwal, Nick Conrad

Ombuds: Sophie Schneitz

Letter of Accusation:
The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A and Student B of unauthorized collaboration for a lower level math course.

Evidence Submitted:
- Letter of Accusation
- Student A’s Written Statement
- Student B’s Written Statement
- Student A’s Exam
- Student B’s Exam
- Course Syllabus
- Comparison of MATH 111 Answers
- Witness Statement #1
- Witness Statement #2
- Witness Statement #3
- Witness Statement #4

Plea:
Student A pled “Not in Violation”
Student B pled “Not in Violation”

Testimony:
Student A claimed that she and Student B were sitting on opposite sides of the room and did not violate the Honor Code in any way. They were sitting in the middle of the room and had no way of communicating during the exam. Student A says he does not recall a student in a turquoise shirt cheating who is referenced in the letter of accusation.

Student B claimed that there are only so many ways to reach a definitive answers in math. Because they studied with each other they learned the same way to reach these answers which would explain their similar answers. Student B does not recall a student in a turquoise shirt cheating who is referenced in the letter of accusation. He also stated that he knew the people who wrote the witness statements but he told them to tell the truth as to what they saw take place during the exam.
**Verdict Deliberations:**
Council members did not believe that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred.

Members did not feel comfortable claiming that the two students in the exam room who were accused in the letter of accusation were in fact Student A and Student B.

Straw Poll #1: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that a violation occurred?
Yes: 0
No: 9
Abstentions: 0

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

Time of testimony and deliberations: 24 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Emilia Duno
Clerk