

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 35, Spring 2016
March 28, 2016

Members Present:

Katie Jenson (presiding), Reece Rosenthal (clerk), Alex Metcalf, Owais Syed, Sara Meadow, Sophia Yi, Allen Hu, Mario Aragon, Emily Wu

Ombuds: Kenton Whitmire

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of copying the solutions manual for a homework for an upper level BIOE course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Total # of HW Assignment – Professor Clarification
- TA Statement
- Syllabus
- Student Homework – Partial and Complete
- Solutions Manual
- Homework Assignment

Plea:

Student A pled “In violation”

Testimony:

The accused made no opening statement. The student, when asked, stated that he had access to a Chegg account.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the student acknowledged that a violation had occurred.

Vote #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. The council saw no reason why this would not be the case.

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

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Penalty Deliberations:

Council members opened by discussing mitigating and aggravating circumstances.

Councilmembers decided not to mitigate or aggravate the penalty.

Vote #3: 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

2/3 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: 15 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Reece Rosenthal

Clerk