

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 65-2, Spring 2016**  
**September 9, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Katie Jensen (presiding), Natalie Swanson (clerk), Claire Bonnyman, Joanne Kim, Sara Meadow, Ellen Diemert

**Ombuds:** Aaron Shaw

**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of accessing unauthorized resources on a homework assignment for a lower level economics course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

**Evidence Submitted:**

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Student problem sets
- Problem set solutions
- Professor clarification
- Syllabus
- Course powerpoints

**Plea:**

Student A pled "in violation".

**Testimony:**

The accused student acknowledged that the accusation was legitimate. He stated that he acquired the solution from the internet rather than from another student. He stated that he looked up the questions he did not know the answers to.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the testimony was straightforward and the questions were clearly in violation.

Vote #1: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that a violation occurred?

Yes: 6 + 1 observing

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

The Council then discussed whether or not Student A committed the violation.

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

Yes: 6 + 1 observing

No: 0  
 Abstentions: 0

**Penalty Deliberations:**

Council members opened by discussing mitigating circumstances. They saw no reason to mitigate because considerable portions of two homework assignments were found in violation. There was not demonstrable evidence to mitigate for amount of the assignment. Council members saw no reason to aggravate.

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:	6 +1 observing
1 letter grade reduction:	0
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 two letter grade reduction. A Prior Violation Flag is also attached to his record.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 30 minutes

Respectfully submitted,  
 Natalie Swanson  
 Clerk