

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 67, Spring 2016**  
**September 19, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Katie Jensen (presiding), Anika Zaman (clerk), Jake Reinhart, Peter Rizzi, Jacob Kesten, Ryan Carlson

**Ombuds:** Aaron Shaw

**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of accessing unauthorized materials on a midterm exam for an upper level bioengineering course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

**Evidence Submitted:**

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Syllabus
- Professor clarification
- 2014 Exam Questions
- 2014 Exam Key
- Student A's 2016 Exam
- 2016 Exam Key

**Plea:**

Student A pled "in violation."

**Testimony:**

At the beginning of the semester, Student A stated that he bought a textbook that had a copy of the 2014 exam key. He used the 2014 exam key on the 2016 exam and admitted that he was in violation of the honor code.

Student A did not cite the solution manual.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the student admitted to using an exam key provided to the 2014 course section; a resource explicitly prohibited per the 2016 exam instructions.

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

Yes: 6  
No: 0  
Abstentions: 0

The Council then discussed whether or not Student A committed the violation. The Council saw nothing to indicate otherwise.

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

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

**Penalty Deliberations:**

Council members opened by discussing mitigating circumstances. Council members did not choose to mitigate nor aggravate for anything.

The assignment was worth 7.5% of the overall course grade, corresponding to a 2 letter grade reduction per the current CPS structure.

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 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 2 letter grade reduction. A Prior Violation Flag is also attached to his record.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 30 mins

Respectfully submitted,  
Anika Zaman  
Clerk