

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 4, Fall 2016
November 6, 2016

Members Present:

Katie Jensen (presiding), Sofia Yi (clerk), Peter Rizzi, Richard Bui, Ryan Carlson, Ike Arjmand

Ombuds: Carey Wang

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of receiving unauthorized aid on a homework assignment for an upper level computer science course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Course syllabus
- Lab 1 problem statement
- Student A's lab report
- Student A's code
- Code from online archive

Plea:

Student A pled "In Violation."

Testimony:

The student stated that she did not want to hide anything and received the code from an unauthorized online source. She went to several TA sessions but still struggled with her code, and therefore consulted an online resource and copied the code. She recognized that her trouble with the course did not excuse her behavior. The accused student stated that she was prepared to accept the consequences of her violation of the Honor Code.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the student copied code from an unauthorized online source.

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 no reason 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. The Council did not see any mitigating factors. The Council then considered aggravating factors. As the accused student had previously been found in violation of the Honor Code, Council members decided it was appropriate to aggravate for the prior violation. The Honor Council had recommended that the accused student be expelled for her first violation due to the severity of the violation.

Vote #3: What is the appropriate penalty for Student A?

Expulsion: 6

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: 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 she be expelled. A Prior Violation Flag is also attached to her record.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 45 min

Respectfully submitted,

Sofia Yi

Clerk