

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 3, Fall 2017**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Reece Rosenthal (presiding), Stefano Romano (clerk), Allison Rozich, Jacob Kesten, Bella Bunten, James Suffoletta

**Ombuds:** Laura Li

**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of using unauthorized aid for an upper level BUSI course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

**Evidence Submitted:**

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Class syllabus
- Practice exam
- Practice exam solutions
- Student A's exam
- Student A's notes page

**Plea:**

Student A pled "In Violation."

**Testimony:**

Student A started by stating that he did use a page from his notes on the exam, and that this constitutes unauthorized aid. He also stated that he only used his notes on one part of the exam, and not the entirety of the exam.

Student A closed by stating that he did violate the Honor Code on this exam, but only one section of the exam. He says that the work on the other sections of the exam was his own, and that his notes page could not have helped him on these other sections.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred based on the material evidence of the case and the student's testimony.

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 found no reason why Student A did not commit the violation.

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 decided to not mitigate for the amount of the examination demonstrably in violation because Student A’s notes page had material relating to each section of the exam. The Council also found that there were no aggravating factors.

The CPS penalty for this case, based on the weight of the assignment (20%), is either an F in the course or a 3 letter grade reduction. As such, a majority of the Council found that a 3 letter grade reduction would be an appropriate penalty for Student A.

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: 1

3 letter grade reduction: 5

2 letter grade reduction: 0

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 3 letter grade reduction.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 20 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Stefano Romano

Clerk