

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 37, Spring 2017
November 3, 2017

Members Present:

Reece Rosenthal (presiding), Allison Rozich (clerk), James Suffoletta, Jake Reinhart, Bella Bunten, Maheen Khizar

Ombuds: Colin Losey

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of modifying a regrade request for a lower level CHEM course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Class syllabus
- Student A's original exam
- Student A's regrade request
- Exam Solutions

Plea:

Student A pled "In Violation."

Testimony:

Student A stated that he does not remember submitting this particular assignment, but based on the evidence at hand, recognized that he did commit a violation. he respects the Honor Code, but made edits to his exam and turned it in for regrade.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because of material evidence and the student's own testimony. When comparing the regrade request exam and the original scanned exam, there are clear differences between the two, where material was either added or erased.

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

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

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 amount of assignment in violation came up in discussion. Council members discussed whether the fact that only certain questions were modified affected the final penalty. Half the council members did not plan to mitigate for amount, half the Council members did plan to mitigate.

Most council members said they would not be aggravating. However, one council member raised the issue that regrade requests are a special privilege afforded to us because of the trust placed in students and the Honor System and so stated they would be aggravating for this.

The CPS penalty for this case, based on the weight of the assignment, is a 3 letter grade reduction.

Discussion continued for quite some time.

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:	4
2 letter grade reduction:	2
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 penalty of 3 letter grade reduction.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 38 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Rozich
Clerk