

**Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 42-11, Spring 2017**

Members Present:

Reece Rosenthal (presiding), Peter Rizzi (clerk), Allison Salter, Ricky Robinson, Grace Coleman, James Suffoletta

Ombuds: Carey Wang

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of using solution keys to the final exam for a lower-level MECH course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Copy of student final exam
- Homework example table values
- Exam 3 Solutions
- Exam 3 Class Samples
- Problem 4 from textbook – submitted by student
- Professor clarification
- Question 1 and its solution
- Question 2 and its solution
- Question 3 and its solution
- Solution to Question 4 – submitted by student
- Student homework problem
- Student submitted statement

Plea:

Student A pled “not in violation.”

Testimony:

Student A said she studied for this class by reading the textbook thoroughly and completing problems in textbook again and again until they were completed accurately according to the textbook's solutions manual. The student claimed that the final exam questions were directly from the textbook. She claimed that the reason her answers match the solutions key closely is because she memorized how to accurately answer the problems from the textbook, and these were identical to those on the exam. Student also emphasized that her answers weren't precisely identical to the solution keys submitted by the professor as evidence of her violation. Student A also commented that the textbook required for the course that she used was the same edition as the one that professor said was used for exam in his clarification.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because there was not enough evidence to show that a violation occurred.

Vote #2: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that a violation occurred?

Yes: 0

No: 6

Abstentions: 0

Decision:

The Honor Council thus finds Student A “Not In Violation” of the Honor Code.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 30 minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Rizzi

Clerk