

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 42-13, Spring 2017**  
**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Reece Rosenthal (presiding), Stefano Romano (clerk), Ryan Carlson, Ricky Robinson, Talia Kramer, Richard Bui

**Ombuds:** Carey Wang

**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of unauthorized aid on an examination 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
- Course syllabus
- Class exam samples
- Textbook solution manual

**Plea:**

Student A pled "Not In Violation."

**Testimony:**

Student A started by stating that he took this exam many months ago, and used notes, previous homework assignments, as well as the course textbook on this open-note examination. He then stated that he completed all of his scratch work and intermediate steps on one piece of paper, and then transferred his work onto a final, submitted piece of paper. Student A then stated that he did not round between steps in his calculations on the exam, and that he stored values in his calculator to ensure rounding error did not occur.

Student A followed up by stating that when transferring his work onto his final answer, he omitted some work to provide concise answers on his submitted copy, and attempted to provide only the relevant information to each solution for the exam. He then stated that he did not collaborate with any other students, or discuss the exam with any other students.

Student A started his closing statement by stating that based solely on the material evidence of the case, it is probable or even likely that he simply omitted a step on his exam, and that there is no evidence that he committed an Honor Code violation.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence does not support that a violation occurred because there is not enough material evidence in similarities between the exam solutions and the student's exam.

Vote #1: 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,  
Stefano Romano  
Clerk