

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 16, Fall 2017
February 26th, 2017

Members Present:

Reece Rosenthal (presiding), Stefano Romano (clerk), Hector Chaires, Sean Olsen, Bella Bunten, Maheen Khizar

Ombuds: Carey Wang

Letter of Accusation:

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

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Student A's exam
- Course syllabus
- Professor clarification

Plea:

Student A pled "In Violation."

Testimony:

Student A started by stating that she did use a calculator on one part of the exam, but did not realize that calculators were not allowed on the exam. However, she states that she did not receive a better grade on the exam as a result of using a calculator.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the student admitted to using a calculator on an exam where the use of calculators was prohibited.

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 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:

The CPS penalty for this case, based on the weight of the assignment, is an F in the course and a 1 semester suspension. However, Council members mitigated for both substantial disclosure that helped the Honor Council reach its decision, as well as the amount of the assignment on which a calculator would not have been helpful. As a result, the Council decided that the appropriate penalty for Student A is a 3 letter grade reduction.

Vote #5: 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 she receive a 3 letter grade reduction.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 1 hour

Respectfully submitted,
Stefano Romano
Clerk