

**Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 18-8, Fall 2017
March 27, 2018**

Members Present:

Grant Wilkinson (presiding), Stefano Romano (clerk), Maheen Khizar, Mark Cantu, Henry Ulrich, Virginia Xie

Ombuds: Kenton Whitmire

Letter of Accusation:

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

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Course syllabus
- Assignment description
- Student A's assignment
- Online code source

Plea:

Student A pled "Not In Violation."

Testimony:

Student A started by giving no opening statement. She stated that she never used any outside sources in completing the assignment. She stated that she did not recall much else related to the assignment. Student A offered no explanation for the similarities between her assignment and the online code source. She then reiterated that she followed the course Honor Code policy in completing this assignment. Student A then made no closing statement.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because Student A's assignment had many similarities to the online code source.

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:

Council members opened by discussing mitigating circumstances. The Council found no mitigating factors for this case. The Council also found no aggravating factors for this case.

The CPS penalty for this case, based on the weight of the assignment, is 1 letter grade reduction. The Council then found that a 1 letter grade reduction to be the most appropriate penalty in this case.

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: 0

2 letter grade reduction: 0

1 letter grade reduction: 6

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 1 letter grade reduction in the course.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 35 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Stefano Romano

Clerk