

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case #18-10, Fall 2017
4/9/2018

Members Present:

Grant Wilkinson (presiding), Ricky Robinson (clerk), Maheen Khizar, Rohit Chouhan, Talia Kramer, Henry Ulrich

Ombuds: Pierson Lund

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of plagiarizing on a homework assignment 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
- Website solution
- Student A's assignment
- Student provided notes
- Clarification on assignment weighting
- Homework prompt
- TA witness statement

Plea:

Student A pled "not in violation".

Testimony:

The student said the work is purely her own and she did not reference any online material. She also said that she attended weekly TA sessions and that her responses vary significantly from those on the website. The student stated that she used standard notations and responses that should not constitute plagiarism. The student said that she did not collaborate with any other students. The student added the rationale that is used when drawing the graphs on the homework assignment. The student concluded that her responses were her own and she did not violate the Honor Code.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation had not occurred because the notes provided and the thoroughness of the TA testimony provides evidence that the student's work is her own. The council also decided that there was not a preponderance of evidence to suggest that plagiarism had occurred in this case.

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

Yes: 1

No: 5
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,
Ricky Robinson
Clerk