

Abstract of the Honor Council
Case 21-3, Spring 2018
4/16/18

Members Present:

Matt Nobles (presiding), Ricky Robinson (clerk), Sree Yeluri, Maheen Khizar, Peter Rizzi, and Mark Cantu

Ombuds: Sam Morimoto

Letter of Accusation:

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of plagiarizing on lab project 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
- Semester clarification
- Syllabus
- Sample of tests
- Description of project
- List of interfaces
- Suspected source code
- Student's code
- Sample of other students' codes

Plea:

Student A pled "in violation."

Testimony:

The student said that he is guilty of the accusation. He added that he reassigned the order of the functions so they matched the order they appeared on the project description. The student said that they found the suspected source code on Github but he did not know the creator nor did he collaborate with any other students.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because of the high degree between the suspected source code and the student's code as well as the student's testimony.

The council discussed that there is a high degree similarity between the student's code and the suspected source code suggests that a violation has occurred. This was further supported by the student's testimony.

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.

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 discussed mitigating for substantial disclosure but decided not to mitigate. The council did not find any aggravating factors.

The CPS penalty for this case, based on the weight of the assignment, is a 2 letter grade reduction.

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:	5
1 letter grade reduction:	1
Letter of Reprimand	0
Abstentions:	0

Decision:

The Honor Council thus finds Student A “In Violation” of the Honor Code and recommends that he receive a 2 letter grade reduction.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 25 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
 Ricky Robinson
 Clerk