

Abstract of the Honor Council**Case 11, Fall 2018****1/31/19****Members Present:**

Matt Nobles (presiding), Amy Lin (clerk), Stefano Romano, Izzie Karohl, Maheen Khizar, Eunice Aissi, Aditi Patel (observing)

Ombuds: Jean Choi**Letter of Accusation:**

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

Evidence Submitted:

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Student A's final exam
- Canvas post
- Class syllabus
- Canvas access report
- Previous exam key
- Previous final exam key

Plea:

Student A pled "in violation."

Testimony:

Student A said that he did use his phone during the exam to reference previous exam keys. He is sorry for making the mistake and said that he will not cheat again.

Verdict Deliberations:

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because both his testimony and the Canvas access report showed that the student accessed the files during the exam period.

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

Yes: 6+1

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

The Council then discussed whether or not Student A committed the violation. Because the Canvas log clearly showed that the student accessed the files, Council members believed Student A committed the violation.

Vote #2: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that Student A is “In Violation?”

Yes: 6+1

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

Penalty Deliberations:

Council members opened by discussing mitigating circumstances. Some Council members believed that substantial disclosure was a reason to mitigate, but others believed that the decision would have been the same without disclosure, given the Canvas access log.

Council members found no aggravating circumstances.

The CPS penalty for this case, based on the weight of the assignment, is an F in the course and 1 semester suspension.

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: 5+1

F in the course: 1

3 letter grade reduction: 0

2 letter grade reduction: 0

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 he receive an F in the course and 1 semester of suspension.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 44 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lin

Clerk