

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 4-6, Fall 2018**  
**2/20/19**

**Members Present:**

Matt Nobles (presiding), Bella Bunten (clerk), Stefano Romano, Hannah Dryer, Eunice Aissi, Allison Rozich

**Ombuds:** Oeishi Banerjee

**Letter of Accusation:**

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

**Evidence Submitted:**

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Student's assignment
- RLA materials
- Relevant course lecture slides
- Professor clarification
- Source code
- Random student samples
- Project description
- Course syllabus

**Plea:**

Student A pled "in violation."

**Testimony:**

Student A stated that she accessed a version of the assignment online. The code on the website contained information relevant to the class assignment and was very detailed in the information given. She cut and pasted the code on the website into her own assignment.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because Student A's assignment was identical to the source code and because the testimony was in agreement.

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 that Student A was not in 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. Council members decided there were none.

The CPS penalty for this case, based on the weight of the assignment, is a 1 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: 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.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 30 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Bella Buntin

Clerk