

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 1-4, Fall 2018**  
**12/4/18**

**Members Present:**

Matt Nobles (presiding), Grant Wilkinson (clerk), Sam Holloway, Eunice Aissi, Hannah Dryer, James Suffoletta

**Ombuds:** Pierson Lund

**Letter of Accusation:**

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

**Evidence Submitted:**

- Letter of Accusation
- Letter of Accusation Addendum
- Student A's written statement
- First project description
- Second project description (with bonus description)
- List of student pairs for second project
- Course syllabus
- Student A's code for both projects
- Random student samples for both projects

**Plea:**

Student A pled "in violation."

**Testimony:**

Student A stated that she and another student met up and discussed the code and projects in a manner that was excessive collaboration. She stated that she simply accepted the statements from the other student and did what they said rather than try to understand and do the project on her own. She did not discuss the projects with anyone else in the class.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred due to the student testimony and significant similarities between the code beyond what could arise from the level of collaboration allowed.

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 did not see any reason to mitigate or aggravate.

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: 6

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 she receive 2 letter grade reduction.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 25 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Wilkinson

Clerk