

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 38, Spring 2023**  
**6/7/2023**

**Members Present:**

Pedro Ribeiro (presiding), Jae Kim (clerk), Simon Yellen, Kamal Tijani, Dean Toumajian, Naidhruv Ananth Iyer

**Ombuds:** Phillip Seo

**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of gaining an unfair advantage on assignments for an upper-level PSYC course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

**Evidence Submitted:**

- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Course Syllabus
- Email exchange between professor and student
- Edit history of the assignment
- First submitted version of assignment
- Second submitted of assignment

**Plea:**

Student A pled "Not in Violation."

**Testimony:**

The student admitted to having worked on the assignment after submitting it. The student stated that they thought changing the date on the top of the assignment (on top of the fact that they eventually shared the edit history with the professor) would've been an indication enough to the professor of their late work. The student stated that they were merely hoping that the professor might grade the second submission and that there was no intent to deceive the professor in any way.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation occurred because the student did not make an effort to clearly delineate the initial submission and the late submission.

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. There were no mitigating circumstances. There were no aggravating circumstances.

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 0  
 3 letter grade reduction: 0  
 2 letter grade reduction: 6  
 1 letter grade reduction: 0  
 Letter of Reprimand 0  
 Abstentions: 0

The CPS severity starts at a baseline of severity level 2.

Vote #4: What is the appropriate severity level for Student A?

Expulsion: 0  
 Suspension: 0  
 Reprimand: 4  
 Warning: 1  
 Abstentions: 1

**Decision:**

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

Time of testimony and deliberations: 1 hour 30 minutes

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jae Kim  
 Clerk