Abstract of the Honor Council
Case # 26-2 Spring 2024
4/2/2022

Members Present:
Rodolfo Gutierrez-Garcia (presiding), Simon Yellen (clerk), Anastasia Loiko (clerk observing), Andrea Rodriguez Avila, Ruya Yarlagadda, Gerald Lu

Ombuds: Nevaeh Hicks

Letter of Accusation:
The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of unauthorized collaboration on a quiz for an UPPER level MECH course. The Chair read the Letter of Accusation aloud in full.

Evidence Submitted:
- Letter of Accusation
- Student A's written statement
- Group chat text transcripts of collaboration
- Course Syllabus
- Honor Code clarifications with the professor

Plea:
Student A pled "Not in Violation."

Testimony:
Student A opened by reiterating that they did not commit a violation. The assignment in question was a mock quiz, so the normal Honor Code policy did not apply. While they discussed the questions with another student via text, the work submitted was their own. Clarifications by the professor supported the student's statement.

Verdict Deliberations:
Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation did not occur because the professor clarified that Student A's conduct was not a violation of the Honor Code (as outlined for their class). Given the ambiguity of the situation, Student A should have clarified with the professor that their actions did not constitute a violation of the honor code.

Vote #1: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that a violation occurred?
Yes: 0
No: 6
Abstentions: 0

Decision:
The Honor Council thus finds Student A "Not in Violation" of the Honor Code.

Time of testimony and deliberations: 25 minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Simon Yellen
Clerk