

**Abstract of the Honor Council**  
**Case 26-1, Spring 2024**  
**4/3/2024**

**Members Present:**

Rodolfo Gutierrez-Garcia (presiding), Olivia Thom (clerk), Simon Yellen, Helena Song, Caroline Snider, Naidhrav Ananth-Iyer

**Ombuds:** Nevaeh Hicks

**Letter of Accusation:**

The Honor Council received a letter accusing Student A of providing unauthorized aid on an assignment 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
- Honor Code policy clarification from the course instructor
- Honor Code and Grading clarification from the course instructor
- Redacted Text Transcripts
- Course Syllabus

**Plea:**

Student A pled "Not in Violation."

**Testimony:**

The Student testified that the professor intended these online quizzes to be completion grades. The syllabus does state that technically quizzes are bound by the honor code with no collaboration allowed. However, these specific quizzes were online and the professor clarified verbally that these quizzes were not pledged by the honor code.

**Verdict Deliberations:**

Council members believed that a preponderance of the evidence supported that a violation did not occur because although the assignment name was the same as the pledge assignment, the professor gave participatory grades and clarified that this assignment was not pledged.

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: 15 minutes

Respectfully submitted,  
Olivia Thom  
Clerk