

Abstracts AC07-AC08

Professor Sharpay and Student Gabriella in Creative Writing AC07

Gabriella was an undergraduate student in Professor Sharpay's Creative Writing course.

Gabriella was in a relationship with a boy named Troy, who was not part of the Bryn Mawr community or any of the other affiliated academic institutions. Troy had reported Gabriella to the Honor Board by emailing both Professor Sharpay and her Dean about the infraction. Troy had actually helped Gabriella with 2 of her assignments by incorporating large parts of his work which he had completed in creative writing courses elsewhere. Gabriella did admit to using material that was not hers. Professor Sharpay and Gabriella's Dean were able to get in touch with Troy's professors and they confirmed that Troy did complete the writing assignments from which Gabriella used large chunks of. Gabriella expressed that the relationship had ended badly, riddled with emotional and verbal abuse, and that she was working her hardest to fully break from that relationship. She expressed that Troy had very bad intentions and was trying to make things difficult for her.

The Honor Board resolved that Gabriella receive a 0.0 in the course and that she continue to work closely with her Dean to work through personal and academic problems. Gabriella was also in consultation with her Dean about finalizing a restraining order against Troy.

Professor Mufasa and Students Simba and Nala in Economics AC08

Simba and Nala were students in Professor Mufasa's 200-level Economics course. They were approached for having violated the Honor Code by believing they overheard the subject of an exam question giving them an advantage on said question. They also had too many similar answers on their exams- but, even after much deliberation, the Board could not conclude exactly what happened. The exam was an open-book/open-note take-home exam- but Professor Mufasa was struck after seeing the same mistakes across the 2 exams. Professor Mufasa predicted that Nala had copied from Simba with Simba's consent since it seemed that Nyma didn't understand nor could follow her own calculations. Simba and Nala expressed that they had simply studied way too much together and that no copying had gone on. They both had the same notes and committed the same time to studying.

The Honor Board resolved that both the students receive a 0.0 on the exam and have a capped grade of 1.7 for the course. The students also lost their privilege of unproctored final exams.

-- Simba got in touch with the Honor Board and Dean of the Undergraduate College a year after the fact (+after having graduated) and revealed that Nala gave Simba a story to stick to. If Simba did not stick to this story, Nala would feel Simba had failed their friendship and ruined her career at Bryn Mawr. The actual course of events: Simba had taken the exam early and had to leave for something in the evening. Nala offered to turn in the exam for Simba. A week after, Professor Mufasa emailed both of the students requesting to meet. Nala told Simba that she did copy from his exam and did turn it in and pleaded Simba not say a word. Nala provided Simba with a story to stick to. The story that the students had studied together intensively was shared with Professor Mufasa, the Deans of the students and the Honor Board. The story was later modified to include overhearing others talk about the exam material. This actually never happened. To prove they had studied intensively together, Simba and Nala drafted notes that looked exactly the same that they claimed to have brought with them into the exam. Simba did not get an Appeal since the Appeal process clearly states that the President of the College reviews a case IF procedure was not carried out properly- no new information is allowed or reviewed.