Abstract discussion TBA.

Name: Scooby Doo
An Honor Council Academic Case
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Key:
Confronted party: Scooby-Doo
Confronting parties: Velma, Fred, and Shaggy
Professor: Professor Pericles
Fred’s Significant Other: Daphne
Scooby-Doo’s Roommate: Scrappy-Doo
Course: Meddling 108

Summary/Pre-Trial:

This case involved Scooby-Doo, Velma, Fred, and Shaggy, all students of Bryn Mawr College. Velma, Fred, and Shaggy confronted Scooby-Doo over their suspicion that Scooby-Doo had cheated on the final exam for his course Meddling 108, a course at Haverford. According to Scooby-Doo, he had taken his final exam, and after taking it, took a picture of one of the questions to further think about his approach. Since he wanted another opinion, he contacted Daphne, Fred’s significant other, who attends Miskatonic University. Daphne responded with her thoughts on the question, though Scooby-Doo claimed he didn’t change his answer to consider Daphne’s thoughts. Scooby-Doo said that this was all just a big misunderstanding.

The confronting parties said, however, that Scooby-Doo sent Daphne pictures of his final exam without Daphne knowing they were of a final exam, and that this was an unallowed resource for Scooby-Doo’s final, thus violating the Honor Code.

Furthermore, they said that Scooby-Doo also violated the Honor Code by looking at his roommate Scrappy-Doo’s homework and exam for Meddling 108. Scooby-Doo told Velma, Fred, and Shaggy Scrappy-Doo’s answer to and grade for a number of homework problems throughout the semester. However, when the three of them talked to Scrappy-Doo, he claimed that he had not told Scooby-Doo about his answers, and that his final exam was not kept in a visible location, making it highly unlikely for Scooby-Doo to casually see the answers. When
they went to talk to Scooby-Doo again, he denied looking at the exam, even though he had previously given Scrappy-Doo’s explanation to an answer from the final exam. Due to their suspicion of Scooby-Doo invading Scrappy-Doo’s personal belongings, Velma, Fred, and Shaggy believed that the Social Code, as well as the Academic Code was violated.

Honor Council reviewed the statements from both parties and ultimately decided to send it to an Academic trial. Council considered the possibility of sending the case to an Academic/Social Trial, but decided that because the social issues had occurred on Bryn Mawr’s campus between Bryn Mawr students, that it was outside Honor Council’s jurisdiction. Due to unforeseen circumstances, though, the trial had to be postponed to the start of the next semester.

Between that time lapse, Scooby-Doo emailed the Executive Board saying that he had left the Bi-Co. The Executive Board first thought about running the trial with Scooby-Doo skyping in, but since Scooby-Doo had been very unresponsive and there would be no way to ensure completion of any resolutions, felt it would not be productive. After seeking the advice of the Dean of the College, it was decided that the case would be dropped.

Discussion Questions

1. Is looking at another person’s answers for an assignment a violation of the Academic or Social Code?
2. How should Honor Council move forward when a party leaves the Bi-Co after having a case sent to trial?