

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

I. ROLL CALL

Absences: Shaun Kenney, Hannah Chacon, Stephanie Roe

II. COMMUNITY INPUT

Landon Wilkins, a former Honor Committee Representative (SCPS) discussed a presentation he developed while serving on the Committee. After reading Cavalier Daily articles from the past 20-30 years, he determined not only that education is paramount, but that it has been a persistent issue for the Committee for many decades. At a Curry School orientation event he attended, he noted that “I was excited that Honor was here, but disappointed by what they had to say.” He argued that the Committee should avoid addressing the severity of Honor sanctioning policies in the first interaction with students? He then suggested that the current Committee focus on understanding Honor’s history, dedicate its term to education, and change the way that orientations work. Students lack basic information coming out of orientation, when it’s the most important time for us to communicate with one another.

Joe Marchese-Schmitt (BATT) asked: “How should we draw the balance between the single sanction and basic information about the culture of Honor?” Mr. Wilkins suggested that the Committee mention the single sanction briefly and direct students to the fall module to learn more.

Alison Stickel (EDUC) acknowledged the short amount of time that Honor representatives are often given to speak at orientation events.

Katharine Graham (ARCH) commented that the same issue of limited time exists with First Year Dorm Talks.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Katharine Graham—Vice Chair for Community Relations (ARCH)

a. Events

- i. SARA: breakfast at Boar’s Head Pavilion, November 18 from 7-9am.
- ii. LSA: carnival we’re cosponsoring in the Amphitheater to celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Cultural Heritage Month on September 18.
- iii. Black Book – we cosponsored; reached out to BSA members through the book, Tips and Tricks, The Source

B. Ariana Zetlin—Vice Chair for Education, (EDUC)

a. Presentation to student athletes

- i. Focused only on culture of Honor; how Honor fits into the student athlete experience. Talks went well.
- ii. Student Athletes Committed to Honor (SACH) has a new Vice President

C. Sarah Wyckoff—Vice Chair for Investigations (CLAS)

- a. Started keeping case statistics for reports governed by the By-laws effective August 1, 2016

D. Austin Sim —Vice Chair for Hearings, LAW

- a. No information until closed session

- E. Matt West —Chair (CLAS)
 - a. New Support Officer Selection Process
 - i. Timeline
 - 1. Deliberations on Monday, September 12, to determine second-round interviews
 - 2. Final deliberations will be completed by Friday, September 16
 - ii. How to get involved with selections:
 - 1. Talk to Matt to receive spreadsheet to sign up to evaluate potential candidates.
 - iii. Logistics of Selection Process
 - 1. We invite different community members to participate.
 - 2. If you know anyone on school councils that would be interested in participating, let Matt know.
 - iv. Statistics: Final statistics from the selection process will be discussed at next week's meeting
 - b. Title IX Meeting
 - i. Matt is meeting with the Title IX Coordinator to discuss the interaction between Title IX reports and the Honor Committee's jurisdiction over reports of lying that stem from Title IX cases.

Olivia Sabik (GSAS) asked: "What's the general feeling of the Committee towards these reports?" Will Rainey (SEAS) asked: "Why wouldn't the Honor Committee want to field these reports?"

Matt West (CLAS, Chair) explained that complications from confidential and sensitive information due to the nature of sexual assault accusations could hinder our ability to legally adjudicate the case, and potentially expose involved parties.

Austin Sim (LAW, Vice Chair for Hearings) mentioned that Title IX cases involve a different burden of proof.

IV. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- A. Austin Sim (LAW, Vice Chair for Hearings)
 - a. Phoebe Willis, a student in the Law School, had a meeting with Dean Goluboff, Dean of the School of Law, to discuss concerns with the Student Conduct Committee.
- B. Kasey Groves (COMM)
 - a. Presented to the MS in Global Commerce Program
- C. Cameron Kiddy (SEAS) and Will Rainey (SEAS)
 - a. Contacted all of the Support Officers in the Engineering School
 - i. Recommended that all Committee members connect with the Support Officers in their respective schools

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Informed Retraction Working Group Update

Sarah Wyckoff (CLAS, Vice Chair for Investigations): Meetings will be held biweekly on Wednesdays from 7:30pm – 8:30pm. The group's next meeting will take place on September 21. Members of the groups are currently working on "homework" prior to the next meeting.

B. Faculty Advisory Committee

Corinne Thomas (COMM): Request that Committee members contact her if they have any topics they would like FAC to discuss at their meeting at 4pm on Tuesday, September 13.

C. Policies and Procedures Subcommittee

Chad Hogan (CLAS): P&P's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 14, from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Meetings will be held biweekly. Contact Chad with questions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. School-Specific Outreach Planning—Debrief from Previous Week's Group Discussion

The Committee discussed potential new education and outreach events for the year ahead.

Caroline Herre (ARCH) discussed possible ways to reach organizations/institutions that are internally present already, specifically mentioning the new Dean of the Architecture School, Materials Exchange, and Student Organizations such as Architecture Student Council.

Corinne Thomas (COMM) suggested that the Committee should take advantage of the fact that everyone in the Commerce School has an individual mailbox. She also discussed the possibility of planning a lunch break in the courtyard for Commerce faculty.

Kasey Groves (COMM) mentioned that the Committee could design a template for new faculty to explain how to incorporate Honor into the syllabus, class assignments, etc.

Matt West (CLAS, Chair): The Committee gives incoming faculty members a handbook on the Honor System during New Faculty Orientation, but the Committee could create more concise version to communicate the most information about the system in a classroom setting.

Sarah Wyckoff (CLAS, Vice Chair for Investigations): The website already has some of those resources as well, and it provides contact information.

Olivia Sabik (GSAS) emphasized the importance of promoting dialogue between students and faculty.

Ariana Zetlin (EDUC, Vice Chair for Education) proposed a workshop event for the Curry School focused on discussing how teachers can create a Community of Trust in their classrooms.

Ory Streeter (SMED) suggested that the Committee try to move the School of Medicine back into the University Board of Elections (UBE) system to make sure they see Honor Referenda and have the ability to vote on them. Austin Sim (LAW, Vice Chair for Hearings) noted that the

Law School is unhappy with UBE. Matt West (CLAS, Chair) mentioned opportunities to become involved with UBE.

Katie Deal (CLAS) discussed the possibility of organizing panel and dialogue events focused on academic topics that relate to Honor. Olivia Sabik (GSAS) discussed adding a professional development lens with GSAS. Joe Marchese-Schmitt (BATT) suggested considering including adjunct professors in these events. Caroline Herre (ARCH) recommended using College Council to help connect with and develop relationships with faculty members. She proposed having one-on-one conversations within each discipline, and using Honor Support Officers as resources to help reach every department.

Joe Marchese-Schmitt (BATT) suggested inviting the Mayor of Charlottesville to attend a breakfast with Batten students and discuss ethics.

VII. COMMUNITY INPUT

Caroline Herre (ARCH) read a comment from a community member who recommended that the Committee use gender-neutral pronouns in the public summaries of cases in the Honor Newsletter. Jen Yeaton (BATT) remarked that the use of any pronoun legally satisfies confidentiality requirements. Matt West (CLAS, Chair) noted that, while masculine pronouns have been used in the past in the summaries in the Newsletter, revising this practice will be easy to do.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION