

**HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. COMMUNITY INPUT**

University of Virginia President Theresa Sullivan attended the meeting to share her support for the Honor Committee. She brought to the Committee's attention the fact that she receives letters from Alumni about the interaction between sexual assault and the Honor System. President Sullivan also fielded questions from Committee members about the Strategic Investment Fund.

**III. OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. Katharine Graham—Vice Chair for Community Relations, ARCH
- a. Honor will be sponsoring a griddle for Pancakes for Parkinson's on October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Plan to better publicize Honorable Mention, where people can recognize another for doing something honorable in the daily life
    - i. Bring it more into the social media realm
  - c. During New Business, will discuss a coordinated outreach initiative focused on broadening what "little h" honor looks like
- B. Ariana Zetlin—Vice Chair for Education, EDUC
- a. Shared initial ideas for the upcoming outreach initiative that will focus on promoting a view of Honor as more than just an adjudicative body
  - b. Potential future partnership with Green Dot in local public schools to spread Honor, integrity, and safety beyond UVA
  - c. Considering changing the language on Honor pledge plaques in classrooms from "aid" to "unauthorized aid" to promote collaboration in situations where it is allowed
- C. Sarah Wyckoff—Vice Chair for Investigations, CLAS
- a. There are I-Panels scheduled for this week.
  - b. The Informed Retraction working group met last Wednesday, will send out notes. The group will meet again after fall break. At the last meeting, the working group discussed potential language changes to the by-laws governing the scope of offenses for which a single IR can be taken, specifically discussing changing the current "single nexus of events" framework to "inextricably linked" or "substantially similar benefit."
- D. Austin Sim —Vice Chair for Hearings, LAW
- a. Hearing today; a student in the College was found not guilty of cheating
- E. Matt West —Chair, CLAS
- a. Jurisdictional meeting regarding Title IX and reports of lying was postponed to mid-October.

#### **IV. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- A. Olivia Sabik (GSAS)– updates about GRAD for graduate students and TAs, getting nominations for the new subcommittee
  - a. International student TAs have a particular barrier to understanding and implementing Honor
- B. Austin Sim (Vice Chair for Hearings, LAW) – The first meeting for 1L Honor Section Representatives went well.
- C. Cameron Kiddy (SEAS) and Will Rainey (SEAS)– all intro meetings for Engineering undergraduate students
- D. Chad Hogan (CLAS)– Policies & Procedures will meet this Wednesday; working on the wording of LAG (how students use transcripts going through the process, something that came up last year with a support officer interview was the concept of leaving with “no contest,” which could have different implications)
- E. Katie Deal (CLAS)– The next Honor Audit Commission meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> will be spent organizing working groups to identify important questions within the following four areas: philosophy, internal affairs, education and outreach, and Honor’s sanctioning system. The commission is looking for ideas for questions to include in the survey.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Soleil Reed (CLAS), a current Support Officer, spoke to the Committee about her summer project on the recent history of Honor’s outreach
  - a. 2005-2006 Committee’s goal was to expand the diversity initiatives, so how have we done in the past 10 years?
  - b. Scope of project and challenges: a more specifically focused topic may have been preferable; contacting CIOs was difficult because there was a lack of institutional memory; contacting former Committee members was a challenge; documentation of events was one-sided because sources were limited to Committee minutes and archived Cavalier Daily articles; no coverage of Support Officer pool before 2008 exists
  - c. Methodology – gathered information from Committee minutes over the last 10 years; Cavalier Daily archived articles; feedback forms from education event
  - d. Appendix B includes a more condensed version of Committee minutes
  - e. Conclusions
    - i. Specific CIOs were consistently reached out to (such as the Minority Rights Coalition (MRC))
    - ii. Social events were well received (BSA, LSA, PAFN had positive experiences with these)
    - iii. Increasingly diverse Support Officer pool was another positive change
    - iv. Compared 2008 Support Officer pool to 2015 pool; now significantly more diverse (17% to 40% non-white students)
    - v. Areas where improvement can be made:
      - 1. Relationships within MRC (good relationship with BSA, but could strengthen relationships with other constituent organizations)
      - 2. More frequent social events with other organizations

3. International student education was more robust in the past; the current Committee should make it a priority
  4. The Community Relations and Diversity Advisory Committee (CRDAC) is now less effective post-Diversity Advisory Board and Community Relation Committee merge
- vi. Recommendations:
1. Plan more social events, to help make the Committee more approachable
  2. Reach out to smaller cultural CIOs and non-cultural CIOs when people don't fall into one of those groups
  3. Prospective student education opportunities
    - a. Spread awareness of what the Honor System is
    - b. Reduce process overload
  4. Revamp international student outreach
  5. Considering improving CRDAC
  6. Create and maintain a larger alumni database
- f. Contact Soleil at [dr8ba@virginia.edu](mailto:dr8ba@virginia.edu)

B. Discussion of Coordinated Outreach Initiative for the Fall Semester

- a. Matt West (Chair, CLAS) and Katharine Graham (Vice Chair for Community Relations, ARCH) introduced plans for an "Honor Week" in early to mid November
- b. Committee members were asked to each send an idea for an initiative to Matt, Ariana, and Katharine
- c. Creating a unifying theme for the initiative
  - i. Katie Deal (CLAS) suggested that the initiative should focus on defining a Community of Trust as a community of care
  - ii. Ideas for events during the initiative
    1. Committee members proposed partnerships with QSU, Green Dot, LGBTQ Center, Center for Contemplative Sciences, CAPS
    2. Holding a flash seminar on "how to help a friend"
    3. Matt West (Chair, CLAS) suggested that the Committee try to partner with Sustained Dialogue to plan and moderate dialogue-based events
  - iii. Incorporate the idea that "Everyone is Honor; Honor is Everyone," which was discussed during the 2014-2015 school year

**VII. COMMUNITY INPUT**

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**