

Honor Committee Meeting Minutes---April 7, 2024

I. Roll Call (20/23 Present)

- a. Mary Holland Mason-- **Present**
- b. Hang Nguyen -- **Present**
- c. Simran Havaldar -- **Present**
- d. Ben Makarechian -- **Present**
- e. Carson Breus -- **Present**
- f. Will Hancock -- **Present**
- g. Laura Howard -- **Present**
- h. Thomas Ackleson -- **Present**
- i. Ian Novak -- **Present**
- j. Seamus Oliver -- **Present**
- k. Alex Church -- **Present**
- l. Michael Sirh -- **Present**
- m. Suleiman Abdulkadir -- **Present**
- n. Nile Liu -- **Present**
- o. Vivian Mok -- **Present**
- p. Alicia Phan -- **Present**
- q. Sheryl Loden -- **Present**
- r. Cassidy Dufour -- **Present**
- s. LP Pham -- **Present**
- t. Ayda Mengistie -- **Present**
- u. Quana Dennis--Absent
- v. McKenzie Jones-- Absent
- w. Margaret Zirwas-- Absent

II. Public Comment

- a. None.

III. Executive Reports

- a. Laura Howard, Chair
 - i. Welcome to the new term. Have been doing transition meetings, department meetings, Vice Chair meetings.
- b. Seamus Oliver, Vice Chair for Investigations
 - i. Three active investigations.
- c. Alex Church, Vice Chair for Hearings
 - ii. Closed hearing on April 12th. Panelist training after this meeting.
- d. Carson Breus, Vice Chair for Sanctions
 - i. PS happening today at 8:00 PM.
- e. Will Hancock, Vice Chair for the Undergraduate Community
 - i. Met with sociology department; meeting with faculty to talk about AI; first SO pool today. Banquet on April 20th.
- f. Ian Novak, Vice Chair for the Graduate Community
 - i. None.
- g. Thomas Ackleson, Vice Chair for Operations
 - i. Nearly \$8,000 already granted in co-sponsorships so far.

IV. Sub-Committee and Working Group Reports

- a. None.
- b. Leadership selection coming soon.

V. Representative Reports

- a. None.

VI. Old Business

- a. None.

VII. New Business

- a. Confirmation of new executive committee.
 - i. Chair: ratified.
 - ii. VCI: ratified.
 - iii. VCH: ratified.
 - iv. VCS: ratified.
 - v. VCUC: ratified.
 - vi. VCGC: ratified.
 - vii. VCO: ratified.
- b. Plans for this term's subcommittees and working groups:
 - iii. Five this term: CRDAC, Data, P&P, FAC, ad hoc Group on Sanctions.
 - iv. Looking for chairs and cochairs for each subcommittee.
 - v. Will Hancock on Sanctioning Group: how should we consider precedent? Changes for CC role in the PG? Looking at severity gap in sanctions between RES and Suspension. Finding creative new sanctions to fill that gap. Bring those ideas to Committee to discuss.
 - vi. Alex Church on P&P: look at role of evidence in the PHC and looking intentionally in the way evidence is let in in the Hearing. Making sure everything we provide to the panel is helpful and doesn't bias them.
 - vii. Laura Howard on Data and Research: focus on data collection and storage, do research studies on the case process to verify efficiency and fairness, will present a report to the committee if able to draw a conclusion.
 - viii. Will Hancock: CRDAC traditionally did a lot of outreach with focus groups, I don't want CRDAC to lose that if Data and Research does lots of focus groups. Might be productive to discuss how student leaders could be involved. What can CRDAC do that's more than focus groups?
 - ix. Ben Makarechian: There's a lot of talk about AI. What subcommittee do AI issues fall under?
- a. Laura Howard: It can fall under a subcommittee, or it could have its own working group. We tried something similar last year. P&P can also focus on this.
- b. Will Hancock: Dorm talks on AI are a great opportunity for feedback. From a lot of the community angle, this is something we just started but we're working to make it happen this fall. The idea would be to get feedback on AI from all incoming students. We're going to have a lot of data and need a concrete plan for all of it.
- c. Seamus O: With CRDAC and FAC, a priority should be to go to groups like faculty rather than expecting them to come to us. Important to keep in the back of our heads.

- d. Cassidy Dufour: we should look into impartiality in the case process, not having the same I Panel staff a Hearing. Wants Sanctioning Group to look at the role of precedent.
2. Discussion of committee norms and goals:
- a. Carson Breus: Would love to interact with more SOs, potentially doing coffee chats or lunch with SOs and Committee members.
 - b. Will Hancock: Be on the lookout for SO-committee dinner signup spreadsheet.
 - c. Alex Church: Something we can do better than last term is to improve our attendance, especially in person.
 - d. Will Hancock: A big goal is the sanctions themselves. Making sure we're doing that right. Growing the RES. Staying focused on that.
 - e. Seamus Oliver: Carson and I have been digging through last year's case processing data. One goal is to have a number for the average length of days. Even one day faster on average is better.
 - f. Thomas Ackleson: Critical to set measurable goals to evaluate and validate our progress.
 - g. Mary Holland Mason: Continue to increase transparency. Talking to SOs and Community, they want to learn more about what the Committee is doing. More proactive engagement with the Community.
 - h. Laura Howard: What are people excited about doing? What led you to run?
 - i. Simran Havaldar: Maintaining the relationship COMM school reps made with faculty, soliciting more faculty feedback.
 - j. Ben Makarechian: Important to push outreach into places outside of the "Honor Bubble", making an effort to go out to them. Increase awareness of Honor's broad strokes, but also details about the case process, SOs, etc.
3. Updates from Laura:
- a. Expect an email soon with GroupMe, subcommittee interest sign ups, semi-formal info, form for bugs on website, etc.
 - b. Thomas Ackleson: A rolling bug form will also be sent out.
 - c. Will Hancock: Please include the notes from the Honor Committee on the XYZ case studies, and invite representatives to object to or discuss those notes.
 - d. Laura Howard: Explains what the XYZ case study is.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The 2024-25 Honor Committee will have its next meeting in person in Newcomb Hall on Sunday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m.