

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA – MARCH 17th, 2024

I. **ROLL CALL (22/29 Present)**

- A. Tyler Sesker - **Present (via Zoom)**
- B. Hamza Aziz - **Present**
- C. Jonathan Swap - **Present**
- D. Laura Howard - **Present**
- E. Nishita Ghanate - **Present**
- F. Rachel Liesegang - **Present**
- G. David Armstrong - Absent
- H. William Whitehurst Jr. - Absent
- I. Adrian Mamaril - **Present**
- J. Stephanie McKee - **Present (via Zoom)**
- K. Brianna Kamdoum - **Present**
- L. Carson Breus - **Present**
- M. Tim Dodson - **Present**
- N. Maille Bowerman - **Present**
- O. Alexander Church - **Present**
- P. Kasra Lekan - **Present**
- Q. Lukas Lehman - **Present**
- R. Daniel Elliott - **Present**
- S. MK O'Boyle - **Present**
- T. Brian Florenzo - **Present**
- U. Lam-Phong Pham - **Present (via Zoom)**
- V. Emily Brobbey - Absent
- W. Sophie Campbell - Absent
- X. Skylar Tessler - Absent
- Y. Quana Dennis - **Present**
- Z. Matthew Bonner - Absent
- AA. Brendan Puglisi - **Present (via Zoom)**
- BB. Jennifer Bowyer - **Present (via Zoom)**
- CC. Karl Frisch - Absent

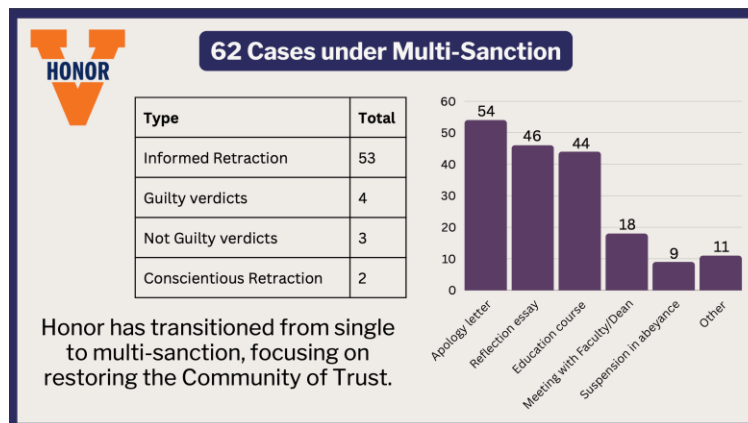
II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Will Hancock: Thanks the Committee for their work. Thanks representatives for coming to the meeting in person, and observers attending the room. Thanks Hamza Aziz for welcoming observers to participate in the conversation.

III. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. Hamza Aziz, Chair

1. Working to support a new “There’s No Honor in Hazing” campaign with a Gordie Center council on anti-hazing initiatives.
 2. Planning an Honor-UJC SO Field Day; aims to build a stronger support officer community between the organizations
 3. Letter to admitted students written with Lisa Kopelnik, the soon-outgoing chair of the University Judiciary Committee; will be distributed by admissions office.
 4. There are a number of seats left open after the general UBE elections this spring. The next Chair will continue to work on filling them, but has reached out to every school to ensure that there is a plan in place for filling these seats. Nursing, Architecture, GSAS, and the law school are already working on filling their seats.
 5. Video about Honor are in the process of being produced. We’re working with a local media company, Silver Streak, to produce three brief videos: one for new students, one for current students, and one for faculty.
 6. Asks representatives to pick up their name plates from the Honor office.
- B. Nishita Ghanate, Vice Chair for Investigations
1. 4 active investigations. Hosting SO Focus Groups for feedback on case processing and Honor outreach efforts this year.
- C. Laura Howard, Vice Chair for Hearings
1. Working on documents for the post-conviction stage of the Hearing process.
- D. Carson Breus, Vice Chair for Sanctions
1. Every sanction has been completed.
 2. Overall, processed 62 cases under multi-sanction. Provides further data and statistics on cases during multi-sanction. This information will be emailed out with the meeting minutes (below).



- E. Rachel Liesegang, Vice Chair for the Undergraduate Community
1. Last pool of this Committee’ term was held today.
 2. UBE event promoting the election went very well.
- F. Tyler Sesker, Vice Chair for the Graduate Community
1. A couple new co-sponsorships from Cycling, Best Buddies, OYFA, and a few other organizations.
- G. Lukas Lehman, Vice Chair for the Treasury
1. None.

IV. **SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

- A. Policies and Procedures Subcommittee
 - 1. Tim Dodson: We had our last meeting of the semester and had a general-level discussion of what we can tee up for the next P&P group.
- B. Faculty Advisory Subcommittee
 - 1. Brianna Kamdoun: Met this past Friday to work on materials in partnership with the Center for Teaching Excellence on addressing implicit bias in the classroom. Also looking to finalize faculty awards. The first award is for a faculty member in each school. The second is the Honor Distinguished Faculty Award, which will go to one faculty member throughout the entire university.
- C. Community Relations and Diversity Advisory Subcommittee
 - 1. Tyler Sesker: None.

V. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- A. Jonathan Swap, CLAS: Met with the SDAC Director about how we can adapt Honor spaces to meet the needs of students with accommodations during finals.
- B. Lukas Lehman, SEAS: Gave out Bodos on E-Way to encourage voting in the student elections.
- C. Daniel Elliot, LAW: The Student Bar Association is meeting on Wednesday to fill the second seat for next term. Our first representative is Cassidy Dufour.

VI. **BUSINESS**

- A. Honor Module
 - 1. Completion frequency: Transition to an every-other-year completion requirement, from current, single pre-enrollment completion requirement?
 - 1. Hamza Aziz: We are re-vamping the Honor module to update the content and adapt it for a new platform. We've talked about adding more student self-governance themes and academic integrity themes to the module.
 - 2. Content: Adding information ethics themes and why cheating is a negative concept, and why information has value. Any other content to add?
 - 1. Current module on Honor website.
 - 2. Hamza Aziz: We've also updated the technological features of the website, so students have to scroll around and show other activity.
 - 3. Jonathan Swap: What proactive resources will we provide? Citations can be difficult, and confusions don't always arise out of malice. We should also require the module yearly, and hopefully it won't be too long or too tedious.
 - 4. Hamza Aziz: It will have more information on citations than it does currently. We're incorporating information from UVA Library's modules.
 - 5. Adrian Mamaril: I'm thinking that if the guide is too long, people may not spend as much time on it. It may be worth having a live explanation, even a short one.

6. Hamza Aziz: I'll send it out with the minutes, but there's around 2-3 sentences for a few different citation styles.
7. Kasra Lekan: Agrees that every year is reasonable.
8. Carson Breus: Asks about addressing ChatGPT and AI in the module.
9. Hamza Aziz: I'll make sure to incorporate it. Should we make AI its own section?
10. Carson Breus: Yes.
11. Lukas Lehman: We should be careful, because professors have a variety of stances on it.
12. Will Hancock: We could work with UVA Library to see what Chat GPT can and cannot do, and not as much about what Honor says is allowed.
13. Daniel Elliot: We can just say this-- "the unauthorized use of a generative AI tool is always violative of the Honor Committee." We can just tell students that, and they can ask their professors what's permitted.
14. Alex Church: Agree that it is important to look at AI in the context of plagiarism.
15. Margaret Zirwas: Should add a space for people to ask their Honor representatives questions.
16. Hamza Aziz: Maybe we could use a text box, and reply directly to people. Confirms that representatives are in favor of a yearly module.
17. Jennifer Bowyer: Tell students that they should not assume the AI policy, and that they should always ask.

B. End of Term Discussion

1. What goals did we meet? What roadblock could next Committee avoid?
2. What should next Committee continue working on/improve?
3. Hamza Aziz: It's been a unique year, since we met over the summer, so we've met over thirty times. We had the unique mandate of being asked to create a multi-sanction system.
4. Maille Bowerman: It's been a cool process to see how the sanctioning process was implemented in practice.
5. Kasra Lekan: Been a few new initiatives that this Committee has undertaken about the data that the Committee keeps. We should take the research further, and revisit the transparency portal.
6. Nishita Ghanate: Transformative year in the way that the University community thinks about Honor. People think that Honor has changed for the better, and has the potential to do a lot of good. We should continue reaching out to the people who are disenchanted by Honor.
7. Daniel Elliot: The Committee has made remarkable steps forward to having a better system and better procedures. It is incredible to the rights of the students who are involved, and our ability to keep running this system as students. Encourages representatives to remember that there is still a lot of work to be done in the area of due process and bolstering the rights of the students who go through the process. Asks people to be receptive of critiques and to look forward. We have a responsibility to the students of this university to do right by them.

8. Rachel Liesegang: Shots out all of the case-processing Vice Chairs and the Committee representatives who sat on the Panel for Sanction.
9. Alex Church: We also did a great job reforming our outreach, especially with Honor Week and International Student Days. Brianna and FAC did a lot of great work with faculty. We need to make sure we continue doing this outreach effectively. Thanks Hamza, Rachel, Will, and Amelle for their leadership in these realms.
10. Tim Dodson: End of his third term on Committee. Credits Hamza for his fabulous work in overseeing the implementation process. We weren't afraid to shy away from criticism. Thanks students for voting for multi-sanction, who sit on hearing panels, the people in the Cavalier Daily for holding us accountable and bringing our work to the public spotlight. We can't do this in a vacuum. We need to fulfill our public function, and make sure that we are protecting students' rights.
11. Laura Howard: Building on Tim, this Committee hasn't been hesitant to change things because it's the way we do things, like moving the IR period.
12. Lukas Lehman: Cool to see the changes that have happened and all the students' lives we have affected in positive ways through this change.
13. Brianna Kamdoun: When I came in, it was just single-sanction Honor expulsion. Even if some of us are graduating, Honor will come with us. Encourages the new Committee to be brave and to be willing to tackle new issues together, and to have open minds and open hearts, and to be willing to collaborate. Hopes that more observers from the UVA community will attend the future Committee's meetings.
14. MK O'Boyle: Great working with everyone this year. Liked what Laura said, about continuing to question why we do things the way we do them. Also liked what Brianna said about using our voices to address problems when we see them. Also liked what Tim said about the wonderful, constructive work of the Cavalier Daily.
15. Adrian Mamaril: Remembers being staffed on a Panel for Guilt, and meeting people he would have never met otherwise. It's a great way to show Honor's empathy in upholding the ethics of this university. Getting to know people outside of the context of the procedural things we do, was something different for me. It's no longer about finding people guilty, it's much more of a humane process.
16. Jonathan Swap: Had a great experience on Committee. Encourages new representatives to connect with each other, and hear what Honor means to all of them.
17. Quana Dennis: First term on Honor. It was a lot to learn, and began to appreciate how much work goes into Honor. Thanks Hamza for all of his support.
18. Hamza Aziz: Quana has been reappointed for another term.
19. Carson Breus: First time on Committee has been incredible. Excited to keep improving various aspects of the case process and improve Honor's presence in the community.
20. Brianna Kamdoun: Credits Lukas and Carson for taking on brand-new rules.
21. Hamza Aziz: Thanks everyone for a great term and for their trust. Honor has defined the past year for him, and would not have wanted it to look any differently. Apologizes if there was any time where he did not meet any expectations people held of him. Special shout-out to the Vice Chairs, especially the case-processing Vice-Chairs, and all of the work they do. We've had a month of very difficult cases.

22. Motion to adjourn sine die. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The 2024-25 Honor Committee will have its first meeting in person in Newcomb Hall on Sunday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m.