

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING

February 9, 2020

- I. ROLL CALL**
- II. COMMUNITY INPUT**
- III. OFFICER REPORTS**
 - A. Vice Chair for Community Relations** (Lucy Krasker)
 - 1. Cosponsorship update
 - B. Vice Chair for Education** (Mary Beth Barksdale)
 - 1. Elections outreach
 - C. Vice Chair for Investigations** (Sally Greenberg)
 - 1. Staffing I-panels
 - D. Vice Chair for Hearings** (Alex Spratley)
 - 1. None
 - E. Chair** (Lillie Lyon)
 - 1. Entering elections season for new Committee members
 - 2. Director of non-degree credit programs will be speaking next week regarding Honor jurisdiction over other academic programs
- IV. SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS**
 - A. Policies & Procedures Subcommittee** (Committee Co-Chair: Stephen Paul)
 - 1. None currently, updates upcoming
 - B. Faculty & TA Advisory Committee** (Committee Co-Chair: Lucian Mirra)
 - 1. None
 - C. Investigative Procedures Working Group** (Chair: Sally Greenberg)
 - 1. None
 - D. Joint Cases Working Group** (Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Thompson and Todd Truesdale)
 - 1. None
- V. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**
 - A. CLAS:** None
 - B. ARCH:** None
 - C. SEAS:** None
 - D. MED:** Transitioning 2nd years will have awards and Honor ceremony upcoming
 - E. NURS:** NURS JG wants to discuss more efforts dealing with issues of overreporting and disproportionate spotlight of APIDA/international students. Chair LL states that meetings have happened with EOCR and general counsel on this issue and will be addressed soon.
 - F. COMM:** Stock pitch event now on the calendar, competition to pitch stocks related to honor and ethics. Teams of 4-6 COMM students due to VCCR by 3/26 and judging on 3/27 with faculty panel. Also, faculty Honor lunch upcoming for COMM in April.

- G. GBUS: None
- H. BATT: None
- I. GSAS: Information released
- J. EDUC: None
- K. SCPS: Upcoming event for Honor at the bedside with BIS students

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Constitutional Amendments – need to decide whether or not the Committee wants to put these referendums on the ballot for the upcoming spring election
 - 1. Committee Member Impeachment
 - a) Proposed previously and approved but insufficient turnout to be passed. SCPS LM states that we need to push for turnout to make sure that there's enough people voting for it to be passed if it goes back on the ballot. Passed 20-0-0 in favor to be on ballot for election.
 - 2. Annual Popular Assembly
 - a) No comments – 20-0-0 passed in favor to be on the ballot for election.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Codification of Education
 - 1. VCE MB introduces changes to by-law definition of the Vice Chair of Education role. Each proposal would add to the definition of the VCE by requiring a baseline of educational responsibilities including a minimum of events to be held by the Committee. CLAS DW discusses taking out or replacing the language of “at minimum” as redundant and removing the last sentence requiring the Committee to host at least one education event as it does not relate directly to the definition of the role of VCE. The Committee leans towards Option 2 which adds a sentence to the definition of the VCE that clarifies responsibilities. The Committee agrees to remove the “at minimum” language and add in “and any other education events” and add mention of the Popular Assembly and striking the last sentence requiring “one major education event” in Option 2 language.
 - 2. The proposal also adds more explicit responsibilities for Honor educators. The Committee agreed that the language was appropriate. VCH AS proposes removing “more specific” as the language does not include any reference to “specific” questions.
- B. Bad Faith
 - 1. Chair LL explains that the term “bad faith” appears in two sections of the By-laws: in Section IV.A (p.16), which specifies that (1) the Executive Committee may dismiss a report it believes to have been made in bad faith and (2) that a case may be reinvestigated if, among other criteria, the investigated student acted in bad faith during the original investigation, and in Section IV.B (p.18), which specifies that investigators may recommend dismissal of a case to the Executive Committee on the basis of bad faith.

“Bad faith” is never defined in the By-laws, nor is any further context provided as to what may constitute “bad faith.”” Chair LL discusses the current Committee’s approach to “bad faith” that sometimes a report may be a misuse of the Honor System inconsistent with the community of trust.

- a) Question of whether bad faith is different in reporting compared to bad faith in case process after reports from GBUS BI. SCPS LM discusses whether or not accused students in the context of reinvestigation would be subject to bad faith. Should bad faith be defined broadly to cover all circumstances or should there be separate different definitions for different circumstances of bad faith. Proposed language of bad faith as misuse of the Honor System for purposes other than protecting the community of trust.
- b) GSAS CM and SCPS LM point out the difficulties of how having many different definitions applying to different parties or circumstances under one phrase “bad faith” is confusing. Chair LL proposes that conversation is just limited to bad faith in terms of reporters and not for reinvestigation. Chair LL also brings up question of whether Honor should re-report students engaged in bad faith to itself or to another body like UJC. GSAS CM prefers that these cases are not sent back to Honor but GBUS BI states that any kind of lying should fall under the standards and adjudication of Honor, even when lying in Honor. Chair LL adds a number of factors that may be indicative of bad faith. Factors are not necessarily determinative of bad faith in a reported case but may depend on case. To what extent should Honor Committee take actions against those making bad faith reports? GBUS BI thinks it may be beyond scope of Honor.

VIII. COMMUNITY INPUT

A. None

IX. CLOSED SESSION

A. None