

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING

March 29, 2020

I. ROLL CALL

II. COMMUNITY INPUT

- A. None

III. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Vice Chair for Community Relations (Lucy Krasker)

- 1. None

B. Vice Chair for Education (Mary Beth Barksdale)

- 1. None

C. Vice Chair for Investigations (Sally Greenberg)

- 1. Case processing almost ready to move online, goal is to be ready for April 5th. Some I-Panels may be ready before end of term.

D. Vice Chair for Hearings (Alex Spratley)

- 1. None

E. Chair (Lillie Lyon)

- 1. Reminder to draft school-specific emails/messages regarding Honor and response to coronavirus. Also reminder to set up transition meetings with new Committee members for next term. Will be sending emails to deans of each school with Honor resources for faculty regarding online classes and coronavirus response.
- 2. All investigations will proceed through I-Panel during the remainder of the semester, will continue to receive and process Honor reports – will not hold hearings for the rest of the semester due to logistical challenges, reschedule for next semester. All Honor office hours will be through VCH answering questions instead of Honor advisors. Last meeting will be April 5th as planned, no extension of current term for Committee but Executive Committee will work with new Exec to handle transition of online case processing. Hoping to transition fully by April 20th.
- 3. New Executive Committee will be elected next weekend. Will be sending out joint University-wide email with UJC to update University community on how Honor and UJC will be operating for remainder of semester.
- 4. Will be donating the remainder of the year's cosponsorship budget (\$2000) to Student Council's "Hoos Helping Hoos" mutual aid initiative.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS

A. Policies & Procedures Subcommittee (Committee Co-Chair: Stephen Paul)

- 1. Finishing up report on Honor appeals process and discussing the motion to return to I-Panel

B. Faculty & TA Advisory Committee (Committee Co-Chair: Lucian Mirra)

1. Working on faculty resources for online classes

C. Investigative Procedures Working Group (Chair: Sally Greenberg)

1. Preparing summary report

D. Joint Cases Working Group (Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Thompson and Todd Truesdale)

1. Will be walking through proposal today for dealing with joint cases – Committee members should email GBUS ET or LAW TT or Chair LL with questions or feedback afterwards.

V. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- A. ARCH: None.
- B. BATT: Met with new Committee representatives.
- C. CLAS: None.
- D. COMM: Honor Stock Pitch still to be held virtually. Ongoing.
- E. EDUC: Faculty survey delayed since faculty council will not be meeting.
- F. GBUS: Have transitioned with new representatives.
- G. GSAS: Received four applications for Honor research grant – review ongoing.
- H. NURS: Reached out to new representatives today.
- I. LAW: Have moved to mandatory credit/no credit – still determining how to conduct final exams.
- J. MED: None.
- K. SEAS: Second representative position filled.
- L. SCPS: None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Definition of Lying

1. Updated language after discussing with legal counsel. Chair LL's thoughts are that it would not be appropriate to make a change to definition of Lying during current coronavirus situation while students are not able to engage with the proposal as students are not at school, as the proposal changes a major definition of Honor that is not purely internal or bureaucratic in nature. LAW TT states that the proposal has already been on the table for the past several weeks while classes were still in session on Grounds, but would still be comfortable if the proposal were left for next term – however, he would prefer voting now. VCH AS agrees with Chair LL that this is a big change that might affect how people may behave with respect to Honor or Lying, so it would be too much to do this now while students are dealing with the implications of coronavirus. LAW SP notes that this proposal purely restricts liability for Lying and would never hurt accused students as it removes certain lies from Honor's jurisdiction. After a straw poll, the Committee decides to not vote on the proposal this term.
2. LAW TT discusses the updated proposal from legal counsel – slight clarifications to language and inclusion of an appendix with examples of social lies. VCH AS expresses

that she prefers this language but still has fundamental concerns about the ability of this language to exclude the social lies that Honor should not be dealing with. After some discussion, Chair LL proposes to leave the question for next week.

B. Joint Cases

1. LAW TT discusses the proposal for dealing with Joint Cases, which is attached. Key changes include only interviewing joint case witnesses once but still compiling separate I-Logs. Cases will be heard by a single I-Panel which will consider each case individually and can accuse or drop any case separately, or accuse cases jointly, which sends students to a joint hearing. Also proposes a motion to sever a joint accusation for students who feel that a joint hearing would be prejudicial. Hearing outcomes are independent for students and all votes for each criterion are separate for each student. Would require more training for Support Officers. No substantial objections to the proposal, but various comments regarding particulars of case processing. Unanimous straw poll to accept the idea of a motion to sever joint cases.

C. Community Response Interview

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None**

VIII. COMMUNITY INPUT

- A. None**

IX. CLOSED SESSION