

**HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2016**

I. ROLL CALL

Absent: VJ Jenkins (CLAS), Chad Hogan (CLAS), Shaun Kenney (SCPS)

II. COMMUNITY INPUT

III. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Katharine Graham—Vice Chair for Community Relations, ARCH

B. Ariana Zetlin—Vice Chair for Education, EDUC

- a. Partnering with UJC for their Dialogue on Student Self-Governance on Wednesday, October 26 – attend this!

C. Sarah Wyckoff—Vice Chair for Investigations, CLAS

- a. None

D. Austin Sim —Vice Chair for Hearings, LAW

- a. Will be asking for volunteers for upcoming hearings

E. Matt West —Chair, CLAS

- a. William & Mary Honor Council – Exec and some Committee members met with members of the W&M Undergraduate Honor Council to discuss sanctioning systems, case procedures, and education and outreach efforts at our respective schools. The meeting went really well; it was very informative, and many helpful resources and ideas were shared. Went really well! Both of our honor systems are run primarily by students, and it was great to learn more about how another student-run system operates.
- b. University's Diversity Council Meeting (constituted from different University administrators from various schools, faculties, etc. goal is to highlight diversity and improve on that front) – Matt met with the Diversity Council on Thursday, October 20 and gave an overview of the Committee's current efforts. This included the Honor Audit Commission, IR working group, and current goals for education/outreach. There was also a helpful discussion about spotlighting and how the Committee can work with the Diversity Council to address the issue.
- c. Mia Walker-Atwater (NURS) and Matt attended tonight's UJC General Body meeting and presented an overview of the Committee's structure, process, and our

goals for the term. It was good to have the opportunity to share information and facilitate greater awareness between UJC and Honor.

IV. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- A. Katie Deal (CLAS): The Honor Audit Commission (HAC) met on Wednesday, October 19, to talk about survey questions. Email or talk to Katie with questions, especially consider groups of students or questions that Honor has not addressed in the past.
- B. Jen Yeaton (BATT): Multicultural Student Center, Honor Committee and Library Council are working on planning a book club program, modeled after Professor's Picks (a program through Housing and Residence Life). The plan is to pilot the program with a smaller group of students who use the Multicultural Student Center. Send Jen ideas for books or professors who may be interested in participating.
- C. Mia Walker-Atwater (NURS): The Nursing School representatives met with Theresa Carroll to talk about Honor's engagement with Nursing, specifically discussing the possibility of an email to faculty and an Honor section in the clinical handbook for students.
- D. Ory Streeter (SMED) – The transgender student panel cosponsored by the Nursing and Medical School representatives went well
- E. Ariana Zetlin (EDUC): The Curry School representatives met with Dean Pianta. They are currently thinking about a research group to plan workshops to help Curry students discuss how to create a community of trust in future classrooms.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Short Presentation on Plan of Events for Honor Week
 - a. Dates: November 14th-20th
 - b. Purpose: Promoting a “Community of Care,” helping students recognize the tangible benefits of the Honor System by promoting ways to build a stronger community at U.Va.
 - c. Potential Schedule
 - i. Monday – Honor Lecture (7PM – Jeff Hall), International Student Dialogue
 - ii. Tuesday – Workshop on Inclusion and Gender Identity, First Year Movie Night (Nau Hall 101, 7PM)
 - iii. Wednesday – Hump Day Pick Me Up (multiple locations), Dinner Dialogue (Garden Room, 6PM)
 - iv. Thursday – Coffee Talks on Inclusivity
 - v. Friday – Mindfulness and Self-Care Sessions (AFC/Nursing School, various times), Open Green Dot Training
 - vi. Saturday – Athlete Tailgate (Lawn, 1PM)
 - vii. Sunday – Honor Committee meeting
 - 1. Multiple Committee members suggested ideas to potentially change the location and structure of this meeting to enable students who attend to really engage with the Committee
- B. Responsibilities of Committee members: Attend a certain number of the events, help to advertise them to the community

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report on Meeting with Title IX Coordinator (Catherine Spear) and Staff

- a. Matt West (Chair, CLAS) discussed a recent meeting with the Title IX Coordinator, which focused on how the Committee should address the possibility of reports of lying that stem from the Title IX Case Process
- b. Examples of situations in Title IX cases that could lead to an Honor report:
 1. Respondent who wants to take retaliatory action against the Complainant (most problematic)
 2. After a Title IX case is processed fully, in cases where a Respondent is found not responsible, the Respondent may allege the result indicates that the Complainant lied
 3. Allegations that a party lied or misrepresented facts in the course of an interview or hearing for a Title IX case
- ii. While not impossible, it is difficult to imagine a report stemming from the Title IX case process that could be adjudicated without re-litigating an underlying claim of sexual misconduct, which should only be evaluated through the Title IX process and would be problematic for the Committee to manage.
- iii. It is also inadvisable to universally decline jurisdiction or dismiss all reports for a particular type of case. This would conflict with the Honor Committee's presumption of jurisdiction over cases of lying, cheating, and stealing, and more importantly, it could undermine the Title IX case process by removing the accountability of each party in a case.
- iv. Exec is working with Rachel Setear (Legal Advisor) to craft language for a by-law proposal addressing these jurisdictional questions.
 1. This proposal can also give the Committee the formal authority to decline and defer jurisdiction in other cases that the Committee is not sufficiently trained or equipped to investigate, such as overly complex landlord-tenant disputes or report more appropriately handled by UJC.
 2. Wary about blanket statements about reports the Committee will not take (see reasons above).
- v. We want to support survivors of sexual assault and keep people from using the Honor System as a tool of retaliation against Complainants.

B. Small Group Discussion—Priorities for Remainder of Term

- a. The Committee broke into groups to begin discussing agenda items to prioritize in the remaining 5-6 months of the term.

VII. COMMUNITY INPUT

VIII. CLOSED SESSION