

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19th, 2023

I. ROLL CALL (11/29 present)

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None.

III. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Hamza Aziz, Chair
 1. Faculty Senate meeting went great, with an around 10-minute presentation and 10-minute Q&A period. The overall point made was that the Honor System has changed to reflect student and faculty input, and that faculty who are not bought-in should give Honor another chance. They asked great questions about their roles in case processing.
 2. Reminder for representatives to use International Students Days outreach template email to promote the initiative. It is telling people what the days are and asking them to forward them to listservs they have access to. Also, requests that representatives to sign up for the student organization dinner on November 28th at 6:30 pm in Ern Commons.
 3. On December 3 at 5 p.m., we also have a mandatory EOCR training for support officers and representatives; there will be a Zoom option to attend.

- B. Laura Howard, Vice Chair for Hearings
 - 1. Working on a few Pre-Hearing Conference and Hearing Bylaw proposals, will be in the P&P report that is shared tomorrow.
- C. Nishita Ghanate, Vice Chair for Investigations
 - 1. None.
- D. Carson Breus, Vice Chair for Sanctions
 - 1. A Guilty Panel for Sanction convened on Tuesday and a student was sanctioned.
- E. Rachel Liesegang, Vice Chair for the Undergraduate Community
 - 1. The Popular Assembly/Honor Week planning group is meeting with the Alumni Association tomorrow; making progress on finalizing the schedule.
- F. Tyler Sesker, Vice Chair for the Graduate Community
 - 1. None.
- G. Lukas Lehman, Vice Chair for the Treasury
 - 1. None.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- A. Policies and Procedures Subcommittee
 - 1. Tim Dodson: Met on Friday to go over an initial draft of the upcoming P&P report for ways we can tweak and improve multi-sanction. It goes over the role of the reporter and the Counsel for the Community at the Panel for Sanction, some Pre-Hearing Conference and Hearing changes, and some other helpful suggestions.
- B. Faculty Advisory Subcommittee
 - 1. Brianna Kamdoun: FAC representatives sent emails to Committee representatives this week.
- C. Community Relations and Diversity Advisory Subcommittee
 - 1. None. Hamza Aziz has asked CRDAC to develop questions for the focus groups on International Student Days.
- D. Survey Working Group
 - 1. Kasra Lekan: Have a working draft for the survey that they will share with the Executive Committee, then will distribute it to Committee reps.

V. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- A. Hamza Aziz, CLAS: Presented to Biology department, met with Sociology and Astrology, as part of CLAS's plans to meet with all program directors and department chairs.
- B. Brianna Kamdoun, COMM: With Carson Breus, held an event for the November 13th Day of Remembrance.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. P&P Report
 - 1. Hamza Aziz: P&P is working on a report that will likely be release EOD Monday that encapsulates all of P&P's discussions this semester. It is rooted in the acknowledgement that our Bylaws have room for improvement, which P&P has identified.
 - 2. Alexander Church: P&P has been talking a lot about the Panel for Sanction, partially because it is new and it is a very important part of the Honor process, so we should do our best to make sure it is as good as it possibly can be. The proposed changes list the purpose for the Panel for Sanction as a procedure, similar to how we have a

purpose for the Hearing. With this purpose, we can look toward other areas for improvement. P&P has also not reached a consensus of if there should be a scope of evidence and conversation for the Panel for Sanction. Sometimes unfairly prejudicial evidence or character evidence can prejudice the Panel for Sanction, and the Panel for Sanction is not a fact-finding body, so determining if something has happened is not the purpose of the Panel for Sanction.

3. Tim Dodson: Some things to keep in mind, is that P&P is mostly trying to raise issues that Committee may be interested in, for improving efficiency, bolstering our commitment to due process, and providing greater clarity. In some places, P&P has made a recommendation, but in other places, P&P does not have a clear recommendation but has noted to Committee that it is an issue worth considering, and a menu of options for them to think about. Ideally, we hope to pass a package of bylaws that will be passed by the end of this semester. We could also vote on it section by section. A lot of these things are intertwined, and a lot of these changes have effects on other parts of the system, so we should be thinking about having a cohesive system. Committee members are welcome to come by our P&P meeting next Friday if they have any questions, it would be great to have conversations between the people who wrote the proposed sections and Committee reps.
4. Hamza Aziz: We will need quorum to vote on these changes of the Bylaws. Nothing in the report is fundamentally changing the system, it is mostly fine-tuning. Encourages representatives to review the report when they have time over this break. On December 1, P&P will have a Q&A about the report for representatives to attend.

B. Overview of Finals Pushes Initiatives

1. Rachel Liesegang: We have come up with some more proactive options, in addition to our tabling and snack providing. We will have well-being tables with mindfulness cards to help students de-stress. We will also have loaner calculators at the Newcomb Help Desk and free blue books. We also have a coffee tab at Grit, where, on your Honor, where you can get a free coffee or tea on the day of your final exam at the Elliewood location. We are also promoting the resources of Student Health and using our marketing to help uplift resources that already exist.
2. Hamza Aziz: There will be a University-held email that mentions Honor's resources, student health's resources, and potentially the library's and Writing Center's resources. We also have a webpage (honor.virginia.edu/finals) that illustrates all of these resources, which will be fully ready by December 4th. We also have an extra well-being table at another high-trafficked area, perhaps somewhere in the Comm school or other places that representatives can identify.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The Honor Committee will meet in person in Newcomb Hall on Sunday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.