

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – July 9th, 2023

Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

I. ROLL CALL (13/24 present)

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None.

III. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Hamza Aziz, Chair
 - 1. There are new seats filled on the Honor Committee. Quanna Dennis is filling one of the two vacancies in the School of Education and Human Development. Working on filling remaining vacancies (SEHD, SEAS, SDS, and SCPS). Have identified third SEAS representative. Laura Howard has agreed to continue in the role of Secretary of the Honor Committee.
 - 2. The Honor website is pretty much updated with multi-sanction resources. Laura Howard is creating new flowcharts for the website. Hamza Aziz is creating new CHI content and is removing the old content.
 - a) The Honor module is slowing the launch of the new website.
 - b) Cosponsorship applications will be embedded in the website; will begin accepting applications in August.

3. Orientation sessions are in full swing, going great.
 4. Reaching out to local news outlets (such as UVA Today and Virginia Magazine) about covering the changes Honor is undergoing to improve community engagement. If a reporter reaches out to you individually, you are welcome to share your thoughts/perspectives.
 5. Marsh Pattie, AVP of Judicial Affairs, is working on a merger of CHI policies with the UJC. They are nearly identical procedures, and the CHI process will remain almost exactly the same, and it will be ready for approval by Honor Chair, UJC Chair, and VPSA around September.
 6. Updating the SO Handbook with Rachel Liesegang, Nishita Ghanate, Carson Breus, and Laura Howard.
 7. Met with Steve Farmer this week about the recent Supreme Court decision on affirmative action and transparency and communication with the student body.
 8. Upcoming meeting with Rector Hardy about Hamza Aziz receiving speaking time at the Board's September meetings.
 9. Save the date for "O Day" on Saturday, August 19.
- B. Laura Howard, Vice Chair for Hearings
1. In the process of creating IR, CR, CHI, and Appeals flowcharts.
 2. Worked with Nishita Ghanate to update accusal letters.
- C. Nishita Ghanate, Vice Chair for Investigations
1. 16 active investigations currently, most of which are in the IR stage.
 2. Worked with Hamza Aziz to create a standardized Honor Report Intake form and updated the IR documents (letter and form).
- D. Carson Breus, Vice Chair for Sanctions
1. None.
- E. Rachel Liesegang, Vice Chair for the Undergraduate Community
1. O-Day will be held on August 19 from 9:30a-5p. The main focus is retraining support officers on the new steam, reframing the philosophy behind Honor, and community building. Breakfast and lunch will be catered. Asks for local lunch recommendations and community-building activities. Will send out an RSVP in the next few weeks.
- F. Tyler Sesker, Vice Chair for the Graduate Community
1. None.
- G. Lukas Lehman, Vice Chair of the Treasury
1. Will send out budgets and expenditure Excel sheets in the coming weeks.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS

- A. Faculty Advisory Committee
1. Brianna Kamdoum: Had a meeting about the emergence of AI, and have new members from the School of Medicine and Darden. Asks for recommendations from the School of Engineering.
- B. Community Relations and Diversity Advisory Committee
1. None.
- C. Sanctioning Guidelines Working Group
1. None.

D. Policies and Procedures Committee

1. Tim Dodson: P&P will meet this week to come up with project ideas and an agenda for the months ahead.

V. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- A. Brianna Kamdoum, COMM: Will be giving presentations to the new McIntire students before classes begin on August 22.
- B. Hamza Aziz, for SDS: Last year's School of Data Science representative is coordinating presentations for their August orientation this year. The Committee has updated presentations if any representatives need them and can also utilize the help of Honor Educators.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Case processing updates
 1. Hamza Aziz: New/temporary Report intake procedures until the new online system (SafeGrounds) is implemented in August/September. Updated the IR Form and IR letter (has a different Section IV to indicate PS preferences) with Nishita Ghanate and the hearing preferences/selection form with Laura Howard.
- B. Do we want to do IR PS over the summer?
 1. Hamza Aziz: The Bylaws say that Hearing- and sanctioning-related procedures do not take place during non-school days. If a student submits an IR Form, do we want to continue implementing meetings of the Panel for Sanctions over the summer?
 - a) Nishita Ghanate: We currently have a submitted IR. The case was reported in April and was put on hold until July 1. It feels unfair to the student to have them wait another two months.
 - b) Rachel Liesegang: Asks if weekends during the school year count as "school days."
 - c) Nishita Ghanate: They do.
 - d) Laura Howard: In favor of allowing the PS to meet over the summer. Offers that the student can choose for their Panel for Sanction to be put on hold or have it meet over the summer if there are unforeseen reasons that they would like to wait until the school year.
 - e) Nishita Ghanate: Students want to resolve their cases as quickly as possible.
 - f) Brianna Kamdoum: Asks about the random selection criteria.
 - g) Hamza Aziz: The logistics have not been established yet, but the case-processing Exec members and Chair will be removed from the options.
- C. Hamza Aziz: Will table a conversation about the ability of an accused student to request that at least one of their panelists be from the same demographic group or community as them (i.e. student-athletes, international students, etc).
- D. Presentation on the restorative Honor course.
 1. Will Hancock: Have been working with other educators and Hamza Aziz. Spoke with students, faculty, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Community, JMU Office of

Student Accountability and Restorative Practices, and MK O'Boyle. The goals of the class are having an open dialogue and a solid understanding of amends. The values are empathy, flexibility, honesty, and establishing a community of care. The class will be seven weeks long and have weekly 30-45 minute meetings. The class involves weekly reflection papers, short supplemental readings, and an XYZ case summary. There are no real assessments besides participation and the papers, and there will be several clear warnings before referral to Exec. It is also a flexible timeline with other sanctions and can fit into several parts of the semester. The holistic view of participation and syllabus resources on well-being and accessibility will reduce the risks of failing and non-compliance. Norm setting, conversation limits, and UJC Standard 11 will help ensure confidentiality is not broken. Educators will not be compensated for their work in this class. 3-5 Educators will facilitate the class. Currently figuring out the logistics of the class and preparing specific assignments.

- a) Rachel Liesegang: The educators did an excellent job.
- b) MK O'Boyle: Tells Will Hancock he has done a great job.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The Honor Committee will meet next on July 30th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.