

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

I. ROLL CALL

Seamus Oliver	P
Alex Church	P
Carson Breus	P
Thomas Ackleson	P
Ian Novak	A
Will Hancock	P
Laura Howard	P
Alicia Phan	A
McKenzie Jones	A
Suleiman Abdulkadir	A
Michael Sirh	A
Sheryl Loden	P
Simran Havaladar	P
Andrew Cornfeld	A
Rachel Fellman	P
Loi Dawkins	A
Brittany Toth	P
Meredith DeLong-Maxey	A
Clare Striegel	A
Cassidy Dufour	A
Ayda Mengistie	A
Mary Holland Mason	P
Margaret Zirwas	A
Hannah Lipinski	P
Penelope Molitz	P
Nile Liu	P
Lam-Phong Pham	P
Ben Makarechian	P
Vivian Mok	A
Bijoy Ghosh	A

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None.

III. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Laura Howard, Chair
- i. First newsletter went out this Monday.
 - ii. Dean of Students lunch interviews.

- iii. Lawn selection committee and Sky Alland.
- iv. UBE event with Stud Co, UJC, and Trustees.
- v. Astronomy and Politics department meetings.
- vi. Honor Week fireside chat, club sports.
- vii. Simran and FAC. D&R.
- viii. Coming up:
 - a) Upcoming Sociology department meeting.
 - b) Speaking at stud co on Tuesday.
 - c) RWJ on Thursday.
 - d) ISSO meeting.
 - e) P&P catch up.
 - f) SMBOV selections.
 - g) Honor week!
 - h) Super bowl. No meeting next week.

B. Seamus Oliver, VCI

- i. There are 16 cases under active investigation.
- ii. Teaching Center for Excellence.
- iii. Meeting with International Student's Office.
- iv. Updated forms after the efficiency bylaws.
- v. Playing around with DocuSign to make forms easier.

C. Alex Church, VCH

- i. There's one case in the Hearing selection window (will take place in February).

D. Carson Breus, VCS

- i. A few PS coming up for at least 11 cases. See my staffing email.
- ii. Coffee chats with Seamus over the past weekend.

E. Will Hancock, VCUC

- i. Honor Week announcements. School-specific events.
- ii. Spanish, German, and Biology department meetings.
- iii. East Asian Studies.

F. Ian Novak, VCGC

- i. No updates.

G. Thomas Ackleson, VCO

- i. Co-sponsorships.
- ii. Citadel logistics.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS

A. Policies and Procedures Committee

- i. Mary Holland: Met last Friday to discuss more efficiency bylaws and IR streamlining.

B. Faculty Advisory Committee

- i. Simran: Finding a meeting time, planning the faculty case walk through for next week.

- C. Community Relations and Diversity Advisory Committee
 - i. Ben: Met last Tuesday. We're planning more casual events to solicit authentic feedback. An SO member has strong connections to the Queer Students' Association. They want a deliverable on what an event with them might be. We proposed one and will update you on their thoughts soon.
- D. Data and Research Committee
 - i. Max: Met today before sending out recruitment emails. Trying to figure out how to send an email from an official DNR/Honor email to a large audience.
- E. Ad-hoc Subcommittee on Sanctions
 - i. Will: Talked about the proposed amends meeting. We're working towards recommendations to reform the IR process. We'll have updates in the next few weeks.

V. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- A. LP: Talked with Charis last week, planning for an HSL popup for Honor Week with a coffee cart.
- B. Laura: Ice cream tab at Chaps for Monday.
- C. Penelope: Anonymous letter box in the education school with snacks and drinks.
- D. Rachel: Valentine's Day themed gift bag event with notes to write to each other about Honor. It will advertise Honor Week events later in the week.
- E. Laura: We have special Honor-themed valentines.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Share school initiatives for Honor Week.
 - i. Done above.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discuss the adoption of a preponderance standard for the I-Panel.
 - i. Laura: Cassidy and Ayda are unable to attend but are spearheading this. We will have a full conversation about it when they are here next. But we can start the conversation here.
 - ii. Will: I'll just say that if preponderance is more likely than not and preponderance of the evidence. It ties it more closely to the evidence that the community has. I would be curious if there's a way to do that. Is there a way we can keep the more likely than not standard, and just explain that that's the evidence. If it's essentially the same thing, I would like to just explain it to reps instead of restructure things.
 - iii. Seamus: Two years ago this was the standard and they changed it because it was confusing. But we shouldn't just scrap it. For training and instruction, we

should abide by the actual definitions. We're looking at confusion versus some small benefits.

B. Discuss efforts to promote representative elections and raise attendance at Executive Committee elections.

- i. Laura: Competitive elections helps people develop ideas. We've noticed that in some schools' elections are very competitive but not so in others, including needing appointments. A similar thing for Graves – how do we get more people there? We've seen declining numbers, especially if people don't know it happens when they choose to run in general elections.
- ii. Hannah: For the education school, word of mouth is very effective. I think it's important that the entire school knows this is something they can run for. I don't think people feel connected to Honor in the education school as much, so advertising it more could be useful.
- iii. Penelope: It really is all word of mouth in the education school. I've had several people reach out asking about time commitment, the role, etc.
- iv. Carson: Being more clear about what the role is important. Maybe a website page would be useful. In terms of Graves, we could have UBE add a question about their availability there. We can put that on the website too.
- v. Will: Even if it's not an extra question, we can get the emails for everyone running and tell them about the event. Getting it on the radar as soon as possible. Also a good way to offer everyone a coffee chat.
- vi. Laura: I can talk to UBE about that.
- vii. Simran: Using Honor Week as an opportunity to share information about what it means to be a representative.
- viii. Thomas: Also the newsletter!
- ix. Carson: The emails of people who attend Honor Week events.
- x. Ben: Make sure SOs know that elections are upcoming, maybe give them a short spiel. They are more likely to run than the average student. Promoting the SO application widely is also important.
- xi. Seamus: I think the candidate eligibility quiz closed today. Are there ways to register after the quiz?
- xii. Will: The way this was explained to me last year, we had an event during Honor Week, you can still file and just have to reach out to them. It's not ideal but could be worth considering.
- xiii. Laura: How about Representative attendance at Graves?
- xiv. Will: Making sure people know it's about teambuilding and training, not just elections.
- xv. Thomas: Problems with timing, hard to get to, etc. Could split it up and/or make it local, would surely improve attendance.
- xvi. Laura: I was thinking something similar, maybe there's a way to consolidate things down.

- C. Discuss the “Support Officer Dinner Series” idea .
- i. Laura: A rep or SSO will often take people out to dinner for building community, etc. These can be competitive to get into. What if we catered a dinner up here with catering and an RSVP each month? Could be less intimidating and accessible.
 - ii. Will: That’s a really good idea. I wasn’t sure where you were going. But I think this is great. Maybe it could naturally lead to them staying here for Committee. If we do it, we should encourage reps to come so it isn’t just like a pool meeting.
 - iii. Seamus: I really like the idea. But it shouldn’t come at the expense of Committee-SO dinners. Doing anything is better than doing nothing.
 - iv. Will: I want to remind everyone that all reps can still do SO dinners. We want to make that more accessible to other people too.
- D. Provide updates on Honor Week.
- i. Laura: Honor Week Recap meeting on February 16. For now I’d like to talk about what we’re excited for, challenges we’re facing, etc. **We really want your in-person attendance on February 16.** We’ll have Roots and talk with the community to recap the week.
 - ii. Will: I just want to make sure the student roundtable dinner. We’ve got 26 CIOs brining seven people each. We’ll also bring SOs, etc. We want as many people as possible there.
 - iii. Laura: Other important events are the Career Center one, Jeff-Wash debate with an interesting panel of judges.
 - iv. Will: This is less of we need staffing, but want to extend an invite to the meet-and-greet before the keynote. There will be past Honor chairs with really cool Honor stories.
 - v. Laura: One chair was Thomas Hall, two-time chair. Law alum. Mike Lennox who was an engineer here. It will be a good event with free Stix.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None.

The Committee adjourned at 7:41 PM and will meet next on Sunday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. We are taking our February 9 meeting off for the Super Bowl.