

HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2024

I. ROLL CALL (19/30 Present)

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None.

III. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. Laura Howard, Chair

1. Monthly meeting with Marsh on new initiatives.
2. Citadel conference planning.
3. CRDAC meeting with Ben.
4. I'm presenting at the BOV meeting in December.
5. Chaired SWG meeting last Friday.
6. Started working with CAS as a resource for reps, SOs, and students in our cases.
7. FAC and D&R meetings.

8. We will not have a committee meeting on 11/24. We will not have a committee meeting on 12/08.
9. Lily West guest speaker session was well-attended.
- B. Seamus Oliver, Vice Chair for Investigations
 1. We have two cases under investigation, thanks to everyone for staffing I Panels.
- C. Alex Church, Vice Chair for Hearings
 1. There are two cases in the Hearing selection window and one appeal.
- D. Carson Breus, Vice Chair for Sanctions
 1. We have two IR PSs scheduled for next Sunday.
- E. Will Hancock, Vice Chair for the Undergraduate Community
 1. Finals pushes are coming up. Be on the lookout for a spreadsheet in the next week or two for as many schools to be involved as possible. This has historically been in the college, so we're looking to have physical presence at other locations. We have lots of educators who can help with this. No action items for now.
 2. Ayda helping out with international student days. Event right before the VISAs event. We've been working with different schools.
 3. Laura: by next week, ideally every school will have a finals push event.
- F. Ian Novak, Vice Chair for the Graduate Community
 1. Meeting with different schools on the iAuthenticate software.
 2. Attended the law SO training this weekend. We should advertise the condensed course for other graduate students.
- G. Thomas Ackleson, Vice Chair for Operations
 1. Citadel, more co-sponsorships, all hands today.
 2. SEAS plan to handout record-breaking Celsius.

IV. **SUBCOMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

- A. Policies and Procedures Committee
 1. Mary Holland: We are continuing to work on precedent and other bylaws that will be on the agenda in the coming weeks.
- B. Faculty Advisory Committee
 1. Simran: We met last Wednesday. One idea we had was to present at faculty department meetings, including a Q&A slot. We'd love your help in coordinating with the department heads. We also touched on holding more faculty lunches with various school (DS, CHEM, BIO).
- C. Community Relations and Diversity Advisory Committee
 1. Ben: Met on Tuesday to finalize our selections for the expanded committee with student body leaders. We have six total applicants, two of which are student athletes. We're aiming for a full committee meeting later this week. We've also been discussion the potential of conducting a census in Honor to see what demographics we have represented well in our SO pool. We discussed the ethics of some of the personal questions we might want to ask. We decided against collecting a survey.
- D. Data and Research Committee
 1. Laura on behalf of Max: We met today to catch up on our ongoing projects and recording the mock hearings this week. We're also working on preserving rolling averages.

E. Ad-hoc Subcommittee on Sanctions

1. Laura: People are interested in reopening consideration for the reporter being able to answer questions at the PS. SWG thought it would be most appropriate for the reporter to also be able to raise any sanction they see fit. They also would not like to have scope restriction on what the panel is able to parse through. It's important for Advisors have easy access to CAS for their students if needed.
2. Will: One of our SOs (Kessler) recently joined SWG. She is an advisor who brings an important voice.

F. Graduate Student Affairs

1. Ian: We're working on a Batten Hour. The subcommittee has eight members which is a great start, but I'd love to grow it more. Please refer anyone you think might be interested to me.

V. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

- A. Laura: For department-level outreach, we're making a spreadsheet everyone can add to.
- B. Cassidy: As Ian mentioned, the Law School had their SO training this weekend. Ayda and MK (rep last year) met with a dean from Student Affairs to help outreach with S.JD and L.L.M. students.

VI. **GUEST SPEAKER**

- A. Lonestar Lawyers

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Continue discussion of representative absenteeism from last week
 1. Laura: I sent along the memo Cassidy and Penelope made. We won't vote today but I wanted to open the floor for new discussion.
 2. No comments.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Provide an overview and discuss the implementation of the new Sanctions Working Group framework for the Counsel for the Community
 1. Laura: We had presentations at Advisor and IC pools with a Q&A session. All Advisor trainees are trained, and IC are being trained this week.
 2. Will: To ground what the framework is, because I know there's confusion and rabbit holes. Basically, the CC framework is severity and aggravating and mitigating circumstances. A lot of that is tying in the language used in the sanctioning guidelines. There's a vague framework for generally matching severity and circumstances with a rough set of guidelines. Every case is unique and they will be looking at each case with their own eyes. Tying as much of this as possible back to the sanctioning guidelines was good. Laura, what do you see as the biggest thing in the implementation?
 3. Laura: The biggest question now is if we should have a framework/scale, or let Counsel act on their own discretion.
 4. Cassidy: I think the framework is helpful as a starting point, especially in training.

5. Alex: One of the things I was thinking about (and have talked to SSOs about) is with the framework I might worry that some of the previous ways we've arranged frameworks is that they're an anchoring issue. The past bylaws have mostly been a decision tree of sorts, if we're saying to CC "look at expulsion, then suspension, etc." but if we're saying "evaluate severity and then adjust up and down" it could be more difficult. Also SO concerns about advocating for harsh sanctions.
 6. Will: My view is that we trust the CC. I wouldn't want to overtrain them in a certain way. But I understand that concern and I think the solution we've gotten to now does that better. I like the idea of pulling our part of the sanctioning guidelines. It's more about pulling that out for them to see.
 7. Cassidy: We've talking about this a lot at SWG. I'm a fan of more structure. SSOs who have seen the cases didn't want to be limited in unique cases. In practice, a lot of times there's a lot of similar sanctions being argues for if we train all SOs a certain way. Panelists will catch cases where SOs argue for something more or less harsh than it should be.
 8. Laura: I think it's good to have that flexibility for edge cases, but also have a rough structure.
- B. Discuss department-level faculty outreach
1. Laura: We could reach out to department chairs or undergraduate program directors. I'd like to hear how that might work at each department or schools. Are there other ways we could be doing smaller-scale outreach?
 2. Mary Holland: It's important that you present yourself as a resource for faculty, not necessarily telling them to report cases.
 3. Simran: Something that was helpful for me and Carson was a slide with an overview on how we accommodate reporters and how we've been responsive to their feelings.
 4. Will: In the creative writing major, they haven't thought as much about AI. And telling them that we're here if anything weird happens. It's a specific resource for them.
 5. Penelope: I want to double down on that. In the education school, we value Honor and learning and justice. One thing we've seen in our classes is professors not knowing how to use AI. Specific resources would help that school more than just offering us as someone to help.
 6. Hannah: We don't see how it fits into our classes so well, so that's a specific use case.
 7. Laura: Will and I went to a presentation with the media studies program and we were able to explain how we could determine BARD with AI cases. We could standardize our presentation.
- C. Generate ideas for finals pushes
1. Thomas: Explains E-School Celsius plan.
 2. Ben: Everyone should be aware of their demographics. Batten students were not as caffeine-addicted as engineers, so what works well in some places might not work as well in other places.
 3. Will: I think that's such a good idea. And what I hope is that we have a big social media presence for this. Making it some sort of challenge or cultural event is a good plan.

4. Mary Holland: In the past, the college did a slime event. While food is a trusty thing, more creative stuff can work too.
5. Will: Another thing to think though is timing. It's nice to have recurring things over a two-week period. It usually works out that we have a few really good ones in the first few days, but it tails off as people start to leave. We'll make sure the educator staffing works out well.
6. Thomas: In a similar light, please order things as early as possible.
7. Seamus: The consistency of time and space helps with spreading by word of mouth because that's how a lot of this spreads. If that's what people expect, we can rely on those networks.
8. Will: Another thing is considering the pros and cons of a tab at a location like Grit. It's cool to do coffee on your Honor, but there's a question of stretching it out vs. letting people spend it. I wouldn't want the association to be that tabs have run out.
9. Carson: Can you organize a tab to have a certain amount every hour?
10. Will: I don't think that solves the fundamental issue.
11. Laura: One thing is that last spring, we frontloaded the coffee tabs towards the start of finals. We also went under on Bodo's tabs. It should be first come and first serve in some cases.
12. Penelope: Personally, I find finals really isolating. One thing the education school loves in community, so centering on community is beneficial.
13. Hannah: One of my friends in COMM got little goody bags. That could work well for smaller schools.
14. Laura: I tried to do a table last spring that was about getting a good night's sleep. It didn't land for one reason. But the items were in a little bag it makes it easier.
15. Sheryl: I don't think this would work great for the E School, but I think a group fitness class could be really good.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 PM. The Honor Committee will meet next on Sunday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trial Room in Newcomb Hall.