

Honor Council

H A V E R F O R D C O L L E G E

Honor Council Sunday Meeting, 5:00pm
Public Minutes from May 1, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julien Colvin, J.J. Jacobs, Emily Moran, Oleg Nudelman, Jacob Rabinowitz, Stephanie Rudolph, Will Coleman, Travis Green, Nick Stephens, Brandon West, Andrew Yeats, Miriam Carroll, Abby Krumholz, Lindsey Merikas **GUESTS:** Frank Alvarez, Cole Sorrelgreen ('04)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leah Gold, Dan Logan, Jon Williams

MOMENT OF SILENCE

- **Public Access to Abstracts** Cole, a former Council member and Haverford Alumnus, expressed concern that Honor Council's abstracts were open to the public. He said that Council had made a decision in the past not to make this information available and without discussion had opened this limited access archive. Some of the questions Cole raised for Council: How can these abstracts be understood outside of the context of our community? By making them available to everybody, are we misrepresenting who we are by focusing on this aspect of the code? What would somebody from outside of the college get from reading an abstract like the Muppets?
 - Cole suggested that Constitutionally, Council is only required to publish this information to members of the community. He then continued to say the Constitution defines community as staff, faculty, students and administrators.
 - Emily suggested that the information is important for prospective students and should remain on the website but with an attached disclaimer.
 - Nitro said that there was an underlying principle of trust that Council must operate on. By removing this info, we are acting out of distrust.
 - The Chairs felt that the weight of the group was that Council should not restrict access to the abstracts but that it should provide a disclaimer with the content.
- **Resolutions as Graduation Requirements** The Chairs reported on a recent faculty meeting where they discussed making fulfilling resolutions a graduation requirement. Oleg suggested that the faculty was divided on the issue, but the faculty was confused because they thought a mechanism was already in place. The Faculty Outreach Committee solicited responses from the entire faculty. The responses are being compiled and will be released at the beginning of next year.
- **Honor Code and Admissions** The Chairs also reported on a discussion at the faculty meeting where faculty members discussed reducing the importance of the Honor Code in admissions and changing or removing the required Honor Code essay. The Chairs noted that the conversation was brief at the meeting and, therefore, incomplete.
- **Diversity Training** Not enough Council members attended last week's conversation on race to consider it sufficient training. After the meeting, executive Council members met to discuss a new time for the training.
- **Confidential Portion**

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These minutes reflect the opinions of Nitro (jstephen@hc) and Travis (tgreen@hc) and are not reviewed or approved by Council. Damn! That's a lot of minutes.