

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 November 6, 2005.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Jacob Rabinowitz, Jonathon Williams, Stephanie Rudolph (Co-Sec), Leah Gold, Travis Green (Co-Chair), Andrew Yeats (Co-Chair), Micah Sieber, Daniel Studenmund, Lindsey Merikas, Abby Krumholz, T. Dan Logan, Emma Eisenberg, Ben Pyenson, Justin Dainer-Best, Adem Bunkeddeko

ABSENT MEMBERS: Brandon West (Co-Sec) **Librarian:** Dan Sacks '08 not in attendance **Guest:** Ben Zussman '08

MOMENT OF SILENCE

I. Committee Reports:

A. Faculty outreach:

- New professors and individual Honor Council members will meet to discuss the Code. Currently there are some glitches with the match-ups which will be straighten out soon.
- Resolutions as graduation requirements
 - Council rehashed the discussion that occurred at "First Wednesday" between students, President Tritton and four faculty members.
 - Tom Tritton has asked the HC co-chairs to recruit one student from the community to work with a committee of three faculty and Joe Tolliver to write three proposals to take to the faculty for consensus. The faculty would like to have the proposals for consensus before winter break.
 - Faculty will discuss the issue of graduation requirements for 10 minutes during the November faculty meeting.
- Faculty outreach also reported that they would like to put Honor council updates in the Founders Bell so the faculty is aware of what's going on. Professors, for example, are not sure how to confront students when they suspect plagiarism.
- Honor Council considered putting minutes in the faculty's mail boxes but tabled the issue. While it might be a good idea, distributing the minutes to all faculty would require even more paper waste.

B. Community Outreach

- Will finally meet this week to talk to John Francone: Wednesday at 5pm.
- Jacob ordered 200 Honor Council t-shirts to raise money for Guatemala hurricane victims.
- A community mock trial is in the planning stages.

C. Honor Council Board Complete thanks to Emma.

D. JSAAP: Micah reports...

- There was a discussion with Dean Watter and about the gate arm. It has been broken an excess of 60 times this semester and each time it costs 100 bucks to fix.
- Lilly Lavner (Co-chair of JSAAP)'s idea to ask the administration to give money to charity for every week the gate arm is not broken. Signs could be placed on the gate arm discussing which charity the money would go to.
 - Jacob said it's a good idea. Just as students shut more lights off for the Tommy-T Challenge, people might think twice about breaking the gate arm if they knew that they would be depriving a worth charity of money.
 - Lindsey said she didn't think it would work.
 - Andrew said we have nothing to lose by trying; the majority of council agreed. Micah will report these sentiments back to JSAAP.

E. Safety and Security: Safety and Security is scheduling a meeting this week which Adem will attend.

F. STUMP: Currently dormant but will be working further on the Constitution.

E. Admission: Met with Jess Lord, new Dean of admissions. Lindsey reports...

- Discussed creating "Honor Code" buddies for perspective students who want to learn more about the Code.
- Talked about linking creating a more prominent link from the admissions website to the Honor Council site.
- Discussed painting a more dynamic picture of the Honor Code on the website; showing pictures of plenary etc.

These minutes reflect the opinions of Stephanie (srudolph@hc) and Brandon (bwest@hc) and are not reviewed or approved by Council.

II. A Community Member's Concerns regarding Confidentiality within Council:

- Andrew reported that a community member who read the Honor Council minutes contacted Andrew and expressed concerns about the tone of an Honor Council discussion (see Oct. 16th minutes) regarding whether or not the co-chairs should share the names of confronted and confronting parties with council members who do not sit on the jury.
- The community member said that it's not fair for Honor Council members who will not get to hear the confronted party's testimony first-hand at the trial to know the confronted party's identity.
- The community member felt that the October 16th meeting (as reflected in the minutes) largely concerned how learning the names would effect council members but did not consider how it would effect confronted parties.

III. Missing Abstract Update

- Travis told council that the bi-co will be writing a story about the missing abstract "Pierre U" or "Harry Potter."
 - Travis expressed concern about the story being based on speculation (because no one knows what happened with the abstract) while Andrew disagreed; he feels its good for the community to discuss issues of the Honor Code.
- Dan Sacks (Librarian) who was put in charge of the investigation has not discovered any conclusive evidence as to whether or not it was released.
- So far everyone who has said it was released are people who were on Council and would have had personal copies of it before the community. No one from the community at large remembers seeing it.
- A senior community member not on Council reported today that she was 90% sure that it hadn't been released.
- Travis suggested that at this point, Council should probably just release the abstract (there is enough uncertainty). He pointed out that its an important abstract because the Deans often cite it when talking about precedent surrounding social issues. If Dan doesn't find anything in the next week, Council will consent (or not) on its release. The Chairs want the community to know that ANYBODY can confront council if they that the alleged late release of this abstract is a violation of the Honor Code/Constitution.

IV. Confidential Portion

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