

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 13, 2005.

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Lindsey Merikas, Justin Dainer-Best **Librarian:** Dan Sacks '08 not in attendance

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1. Committee Reports:

- **JSAAP** and **STUMP** had nothing to report
- **Security:** Security is investigating the incident in HCA
- **Community Outreach:**
 - Shirts are coming
 - Meeting with John Francone, Director of Dining Services: John said that he is flexible about students taking food out of the DC. He knows that certain actions are not respectful (i.e. taking an entire loaf of bread or dessert out of the DC) but there are no specific guidelines for the staff to enforce or the students to follow. John would like community outreach to draft a set of rules to present to the community at large so that students will know what rules they are expected to follow in the DC.
 - One person came to the mock trial.
- **Admissions:** James Weissinger (a tour guide) wants the tour-guides to be able to give a more nuanced description of the honor code. The Admissions committee will take up this issue.

2. Missing abstract: A senior contacts who wrote about the stink bomb event in the bi-co but was never on Honor Council remembers the abstract coming out. She had interviewed involved parties and was very interested when the abstract was released. She also remembers that the abstract was called Harry Potter (not Pierre U) because she had not yet read the books and didn't recognize the characters.

- Council decides on a compromise: Although "Harry Potter" may have been released, Council will release the abstract again so that the community can see it.
- Instead of wasting thousands of pages of paper, Council will release it via email. Students will get a link to the abstract page where the abstract will be posted.

3. Ice Cream Consensus? Council has a tradition of taking ice cream breaks between the public and private portion of the meeting. The application of the tradition, however, has been inconsistent this year. The chairs wanted to reinstitute the tradition but upon calling for an ice cream break, Jacob protested, suggesting that ice cream breaks violate the rights of those who do not want ice cream. A long discussion ensued.

4. Public social issues: It is often difficult for the community to deal with major social issues on campus because the community fears that Council may be dealing with the issues and so dialogue stops and the issue is buried. How can the community discuss an event without violating the confidentiality and privacy of the parties involved?

- Daniel S. suggested that some body (possibility STUMP) organize a community discussion right after a major social conflict happens. It would probably have to operate only with the permission of the involved parties.
- Travis and Andrew asked if we could have a forum while still respecting involved parties' privacy. Could we have a more general discussion about larger issues of say race, class, sexuality, etc?
- Jacob brought up the issues that many larger issues (which need discussing) are intimately tied to the specific details of what happened at the precipitating event. Jacob argued that you could not discuss larger issues until you know the facts (not the rumors) about the event.
- Jacob also said that rumors about the involved parties might be so detrimental to their reputation, that they may be willing to give up their formal confidentiality in order to clear up the details of the conflict.

5. Confidential Portion

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