

Honor Council

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

Public Minutes from April 27, 2008

Members Present: Daniel, Carolyn, Katie, Lily, Cody, Jamey, Nick, John, Anastasia, Sydney, Sarina, Luke, Jackie, Susanna, Benji, Katia, Jake

Guest: 08-09 HCOs

I. Moment of Silence

II. Public Portion

A. Committee Reports:

- (1) Student Outreach: t-shirts ordered; pirate theme
- (2) Faculty Outreach: Pizza, Profs, and the Code went well; working on writing thank-you notes to profs
- (3) Diversity committee unfortunately did not fulfill its goals for the year, but plans on continuing work next year.
- (4) JSAAPP: discussed Haverfest; is considering creating a student survey on alcohol to be released next year

B. End of year HC luncheon perhaps to take place sometime this week.

C. The Co-Chairs went to the HCO training on Thursday, where Honor Board's head was also present; Honor Council plans on continue to attempt to strengthen the relationship between Honor Council and BMC's Honor Board next year.

D. Discussion of the appointment of Honor Council librarian:

The standard appointment procedure for the Honor Council librarian is to send out an all-campus e-mail informing the community of the availability of the position; to have students fill out application; and finally to have appointments committee interview applicants and decide on one. Appointments Committee informed the co-chairs that there was not time enough left in the semester to go through this entire process (which is based solely on precedent—not detailed in the constitution), and so requested that the co-chairs recommend a candidate who the committee could then evaluate. The other option would have been to have not appointed anyone until the fall of next year (which wouldn't have been conducive to the librarian being able to effectively prepare for his position over the summer). Co-chairs recommended Jake Zoghlin. He applied and the Committee thought him a good choice and appointed him. Every action taken was constitutional.

Members of Honor Council expressed concerns with this process and its lack of transparency. One of the main reasons the Librarian position was created was to act as a kind of check on HC—essentially, to make certain that there was more open-ness between Council and the community. The appointment process that took place then, seemed to contradict the spirit of the job of the librarian as it was not as public as it generally is. Though it did not violate the letter of the constitution, it seemed to violate the spirit of it.

Honor Council decided to talk to appointments committee and recommend that they re-open the librarian position for the community to apply to; if any interest is shown, then the precedented appointments process will take place next fall; if no interest is shown, then Jake may remain Librarian.

E. Co-Chairs asked if HCOs had any questions for Council; HCOs asked, "What do you do in your private portion?" Council responded by detailing the process by which they come to decisions about suspicions of violations and reviewing abstracts.

III. Ice-Cream Break and Private Portion

