**HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2016**

I. **ROLL CALL**  
Absences: Brynn Cook, Martese Johnson, Katherine Kamis, Shannon McDonald, and Alison Mehlak

II. **COMMUNITY INPUT**  
None.

III. **OFFICER REPORTS**

A. **VJ Jenkins—Vice Chair for Community Relations, CLAS**  
One idea to increase attendance by community members at Committee is to use Honorable Mention for a time of recognition at Committee. Recipients will also be invited to Vice President Lampkin’s Pavilion for dinner. CRDAC on Tuesday will be holding a discussion regarding Option 1 and Option 2 campaigns.

B. **Caroline Herre—Vice Chair for Education, ARCH**  
There were several Greek Presentations this evening which went well. Support Officers will be making presentations in classes this week, which detail the proposals and what various options mean. Committee members are encouraged to make presentations at the start of classes this week as well. Additionally there will be outreach to student athletes this evening and CIOs this upcoming week. Sustained Dialogue and the Debate are this week as well—please come!

C. **Avery Rasmussen—Vice Chair for Investigations, COMM**  
There are 10 active investigations at present. The timeline put in place last semester has been very effective and recommendations regarding them will be passed on to next year’s Committee. Avery will send out I-Panel schedules this week.

D. **Russell Bogue —Vice Chair for Hearings, CLAS**  
There were two Hearings this past weekend, which delivered two not guilty verdicts for two students in SEAS.

E. **Faith Lyons —Chair, COMM**  
Immediately after Committee, members will be receiving numerous infographics that can be shared with students. The reporting presentation will also be included. These should be great resources for the upcoming two weeks. For next Committee meeting, Caroline, Faith, and Landon will be in New Mexico for an Integrity Conference. They will be reporting back in two weeks.

IV. **REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

A. **LAW:** Austin Sim and Michelle Butler are having a lunch presentation with a panel this upcoming Wednesday with free Chipotle.

B. **CURRY:** Jessica Drews said their presentation is also this Wednesday with free Chipotle.

C. **CLAS:** Grace Muth had a few updates from Policy & Procedures. There is technically no by-law regarding whether a student is able to read his or her own closing statement at the end of a Hearing. Questions have been raised on whether this should remain an option for students. Russell
and Austin voiced support for this as long as the Hearing Chair is briefed on avoiding emotional pleas. Faith echoed this concern on supporting students to be their own advocates. Michelle voiced a concern on how this could lead to more students bringing up the sanction, which is not allowed. Caroline was concerned this would not address both sides (Community and Accused). Follow-up emails to be sent to witnesses post Hearing and feedback surveys are being drafted, as is a handbook for scope limitations. Russell mentioned that he does send follow-up letters to members of the jury.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**
   A. **Ballot Proposal Help Text & Election Outreach Plans:** See Above

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
   A. **Regional Academic Integrity Conference Update:** Two Support Officers (Soleil Reed and Sarah Wyckoff) accompanied by Committee member Victoria Tran (BATT) made a presentation regarding the Virginia Academic Integrity conference that they attended at the end of January. They attended conference sessions covering assessing credibility, faculty involvement, and recruitment. Assessing credibility is key to determining truth. Our system differs from other school systems where we conduct hearings and hand out verdicts. Effective faculty involvement can be improved by implementing a faculty advisor position, as is currently done at Mary Washington, or placing an advocate in department meetings. Other ideas included having a credit for service position, standing committee in the Faculty Senate, and incorporating “Allies” and “Champions.” Training and Recruitment was a session lead by Christopher Newport. Issues that they described included non-diverse membership, retention of members, and training during the spring semester but not acting as a member until the fall. CNU utilized targeted information sessions and more social events to garner more recognition as a student organization. Honor at an international university was a talk that gave context for how Honor can adjust to a more international student body. Specifically the word “honor” can be a morally charged word in different cultures. Many schools at the conference faced issues with getting students invested in the Honor System. Some schools used their tour guides to talk up Honor, other schools invited specific interest groups to different Committee meetings, and some schools held “Honor Week” for publicity. The final session was on sanctioning at William & Mary who recently switched from a single to multi sanction system. They now have a tiered system of sanctions, which provides a venue for taking various circumstances into consideration, but this may eliminate consistency when the System is applied to different students. Of note, their sanctions were not just punitive they also involved character-building items such as taking a class to improve academic integrity.

VII. **CLOSED SESSION**