HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

I. ROLL CALL  
Absences: Michelle Butler, Alison Mehlsak, Laura Ochs, Cabell Rosanelli, and Austin Sim.

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS  
None.

III. OFFICER REPORTS  
A. VJ Jenkins—Vice Chair for Community Relations, CLAS  
The diversity initiative award has officially launched. The link has been set up and sent out. We have a partnership with OAAA. VJ met with the Alumni Association and they want to form an alumni network for us as a point of information for us.

B. Caroline Herre—Vice Chair for Education, ARCH  
20-25 dorm rep applications have come in with very few repeats between dorms. Caroline is going to send out a referenda interest form, which is solely for opinion. You can also use it to join the referenda subcommittee. There is a COLA presentation tomorrow at 2 PM. If someone is available to go to Bryan Hall- Jessica Drews volunteered. The brunch last week was great; President Sullivan came!

C. Avery Rasmussen—Vice Chair for Investigations, COMM  
Still working on wrapping up investigations from finals last year and finalizing timeline processing. CR validity I-PANEL was today.

D. Russell Bogue —Vice Chair for Hearings, CLAS  
No current case processing updates. The Lawn rocking chair locks project is in the works. Some people think that a $50 co-pay is too steep, but a few forms have started to come in.

E. Faith Lyons —Chair, COMM  
The school wide newsletter went out last week. At least 53 students already replied to Faith with feedback. October 28th (a Wednesday) is a tentative date for the school wide Honor Congress event. Hopefully this week’s discussion will prime next week’s discussion on the referenda report.

IV. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS  
A. Russell Bogue (CLAS) says CLAS reps are hoping to make a presentation to the biggest 10 departments hoping that will reach about 90% of CLAS at department meetings. This is to update them on Honor proceedings (re: IR, CR) and receive feedback, comments, and critiques.

B. Faith Lyons (COMM) says Stud. Co. has a committee that oversees conduct and they are seeking students that would be interested in serving on this ad hoc due process committee.

C. ARCH report: Reps have reached out to their Dean to build a visual chalkboard where students can place opinions about Honor in the Studio.
V. WORKING GROUP UPDATES
   A. Data Tracking: Katherine Kamis (SEAS) reached out to Cavalier Daily about putting a poll on the Cavalier Daily website to obtain opinions re: Honor. Matt Comey (BATT) sent out website about data tracking which we will receive later tonight.
   B. Outreach to specific schools: none
   C. Better Representation/Polling: none
   D. Rethinking Committee: none

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Accessibility of Honor Information and Data: Matt Comey’s (BATT) presentation on better informing the Student Body about Honor.
      (1) Personal Motivation - reputation of secrecy, apathy among friends, philosophic v. practical evaluation.
      (2) Beefing up transparency/information report - break down statistics by school, by alleged offense, easy to find on website, statistics in a historical context, semesterly reports (UNC is inspiration for this).
      (3) Publish Juror Satisfaction Surveys - suggests providing a scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree, broken down in bar graph form.
      (4) More informative Public Summaries - suggests adding more information about the case without approaching a breach of confidentiality. Template provided.
      (5) Other ideas - upload a video of a mock trial to the website. Release all our reports in full, redacting confidential information. Provide abstract. Publish faculty surveys every 4 years.
      (6) Thoughts from the committee:
         (a) Adam Buckholz (MED) thinks scaling on a survey would not be the best way to beef up information collection as it is a rather subjective scale that was suggested. Public summary concern on creating precedents for a professor’s class since Honor doesn’t operate on precedent.
         (b) Russell Bogue (CLAS) adds that with the information we provide in public summary we invite more people to critique the policies. Matt rebuts that he thinks that is the point. Landon says he would like to know how this very statistical analysis would reach schools like his that aren’t as number oriented. Matt says he hasn’t particularly thought about this but was thinking Cavalier Daily and links in the newsletter emails would be primary means for dissemination.
         (c) Olivia Sabik (GSAS) says she looked at the Haverford College Summary and noticed that they provide all the details and then house a formal discussion on the salient points.
         (d) Adam Buckholz (MED) points out the Haverford student body size is approximately 1,000 students so it would be difficult to make the same lengths Matt is suggesting that they utilize.
         (e) Sarah Rogers (SEAS) suggests using old University cases from at least 5 years ago to inform discussions. Faith replied that all ‘not guilty’ case information was destroyed and all the ‘guilty’ case information we have is confidential and cannot be shared with the general student body no matter how old it is.
         (f) Caroline Herre (ARCH) is very interested in the proposal re: uploading a student mock trial. She would like to see a more comprehensive video going beyond just a hearing but also including what happens when a Report is made. Jessica Drews
(EDUC) agrees she thinks showing how thorough the process is to students will place more trust in the system. Caroline took volunteers for such a video. Landon Wilkins (SCPS) says there is a $70k video fund that was established in the 1960s for this purpose. Faith Lyons (COMM, Chair) closes with other committees have considered an annual end of year report which is something we can discuss.

VII. **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**
None

VIII. **CLOSED SESSION**
Faith would like feedback via google doc on above presentation.