Honor Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20th, 2013

I. Officer Reports

Michelle Butler discussed Honor’s co-sponsorship of the upcoming Pancakes for Parkinson’s philanthropy event. Josh Myers spoke about Honor’s role in staffing one of the nine griddles at Pancakes for Parkinson’s on Saturday, October 26th. Michelle also gave a report on the Minority Rights Coalition event and mentioned that she would like to set up an event between MRC members and Honor support officers to discuss community concerns. A scheduled CRDAC meeting will be held next Sunday, October 27th at 6:00.

Brittany Wengel discussed Honor Week, which will be held over the following week. The purpose of the week is to promote Honor and to provide examples for students of the benefits of the Honor System. There will be giveaways throughout the week, where students can go to a business on the Corner and answer an Honor question for a meal discount or Honor paraphernalia. There will be free breakfast outside of Lawn Room 37 on Thursday as well as a Nursing School mock trial at 6:30 on Wednesday in McClaude auditorium.

Andi Chernau gave a report on two I-Panels that were held in the last week and thanked all Committee members involved.

Conor O’Boyle mentioned that there have been no trials since the last Committee meeting. There is an upcoming trial on October 26th and a possible five trials in November.

Joanna Will gave a report on the Faculty Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 9th. The faculty asked that a link to the Honor website be created on the overall UVA website. Faculty also suggested possibly placing an Honor education module in the UVA mobile application. Faculty also pointed out an inconsistency in the wording of Honor Pledge plaques placed in classrooms around grounds. There will be forthcoming efforts on part of the Committee to ensure uniformity among plaques and to place them in each classroom around Grounds. Faculty discussed the idea of making all academic cheating per se “Significant” under the Honor by-laws. This idea will be discussed at future Committee meetings. Faculty members asked that there be higher attendance among both Committee members and Honor support officers. Additionally, faculty asked that Committee members reach out to professors to encourage their attendance at future meetings. Additionally, there was a suggestion that UVA faculty members be encouraged to complete the Honor education module. Joanna asked for volunteers among the Committee for anybody interested in managing the UVA mobile applications for iPhone and Android. There will be additional FAC meetings on November 13th and December 11th.

II. New Business

Evan Behrle gave a presentation detailing the first half of the current Committee’s term and laying out goals for the second half. In this presentation, Evan outlined three new ideas. The first of these ideas included the possible addition of a “bystander clause” to the Honor by-laws. This clause would require that any student who witnesses an Honor offense do something to address the offense, whether it be reporting the offense or simply speaking with a professor to make him or her aware that an offense occurred. The second idea includes temporary anonymity for reporters. The third idea includes proposing mixed jury panels at trials.

Evan then opened the floor to discussion among Committee members.