Honor Committee Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2014

Roll Call

Absences were: Michelle Butler (CLAS), Noah Egge (GSAS), Katie Schiermeyer (GSAS)

Community Concerns

There were no community concerns.

Officer Reports

Brittany Wengel spoke with all of the head athletic coaches concerning the Honor System last week. Honor Educators conducted Honor education for all UVA athletes for the beginning of the Spring semester. Educators met with SATCCH, Student Athletes Committed to Honor, to discuss concerns among the athlete community regarding the Honor System. Brittany also spoke with the presidents of the IFC and ISC to pitch the Honor presentation for Greek FOA meetings. Madison Busch spoke about education events in the Batten School which will be conducted in the coming weeks.

Andi Chernau – there was one I-Panel conducted over winter break. There are currently four active investigations.

Conor O’Boyle – there are no trials scheduled. There are two active appeals, and one case proceeding to CMD.

Evan Behrle discussed a speech that he presented at a local high school regarding the UVA Honor System as part of the school’s Honor and Integrity week. Evan also mentioned the upcoming student body elections, specifically the elections for Honor Committee representatives. He encouraged the current representatives to meet with other students who might potentially run for the representatives positions in their schools. Evan discussed the state of honor at Stanford University, where faculty are not permitted to proctor student examinations. He also mentioned Washington & Lee, where students are permitted to choose their exam schedules ahead of time on their honor. Evan suggested the idea of encouraging faculty members not to proctor their exams and allowing a greater frequency of take-home exams.

New Business

Evan presented an idea regarding a possible change to the structure of weekly Committee meetings. The Executive Committee determined that the current meeting format does not encourage robust discussion of topics as a group. Evan proffered the idea that Committee members break out into smaller working groups biweekly and then meet as a larger group each alternate Sunday.

Laurie Axford (SCPS) voiced support for the idea and also suggested that the Committee consider changing its meeting times from Sunday evenings at 8:00. She also suggested placing a preview of the topics discussed by the Committee to encourage greater involvement from Community members.

Madison Busch (SLPP) voiced concern that this organization might perhaps present an obstacle to community involvement during Committee meetings.

Robert Carlisle (GSBA) suggested that the working groups be strictly task-based rather than undefined.
Evan called for a tentative Committee vote on a transition to the new meeting format. Support was unanimous among those Committee representatives present. The Committee will begin the working group model in two weeks.

Closed Session