This semester, we have to make a critical decision as a student body.

Our vote in the next month can impact UVa for decades. Read the overviews of the two different proposals below.

Proposal 1: Sanctioning Options

A constitutional amendment to the Committee’s sanctioning power.

Allows students to choose between our current system and further consideration of a multiple sanction system, through a Constitutional amendment to Committee’s sanctioning power. This gives two choices.

1. A vote to maintain the single sanction and update the constitution to reflect our current practices.

“The Honor Committee shall, with the exception of the Conscientious Retraction and Informed Retraction, exclude permanently from student status University students found to have committed Honor violations”.

2. A vote to change the Honor constitution to allow for a multiple sanction system.

“The Honor Committee shall have the power to: Exclude permanently from student status or impose lesser sanctions to University students found to have committed Honor violations”.

Proposal 2: Accountability Amendment

A constitutional amendment that holds the Committee accountable in a more flexible way.

A vote to change the Honor constitution to allow for a multiple sanction system.

“Should a majority of voting students vote affirmatively on a non-binding question of opinion pertaining to the Honor System in a University-wide election, the Honor Committee shall, in the following year, put such question before the student body as a binding constitutional amendment.”

This proposal provides the Committee the necessary flexibility to respond to non-binding questions of student opinion in both the Constitution as well as the Committee’s by-laws, training manuals, and education and outreach materials.