

Honor Council

H A V E R F O R D C O L L E G E

Public Minutes from September 13, 2009

Members Present: Susanna, Anna, Noah, Josh, Carolyn, Seth, Ryan, Gabe, Inez, Emily, Silas, Hazel, Hope, Sam, Dan, Emma

Members Absent: Dana

Guests: Daniel Kent, Tom King, Mike Hale, Nora Nelle, Casey Ross, Josh DuBow

I. Moment of Silence

II. Public Portion

A. Welcome to Honor Council

- (1) Introductions: Council kicked off its first meeting of the semester with names, class year, and type and color of underwear currently being worn.
- 2) Gabe explained the importance of maintaining confidentiality, outlined the difference between public and private portions of the meetings, and explained Honor Council's liberal use of pseudonyms.
- 3) Members were told that they can discuss anything and everything with Psych Services. However, only if someone (such as a roommate) is very worried about where they've been can they divulge to other students that they are serving on a trial, and nothing else (Note: this goes for community members serving on trials as well).

B. Safety and Security

- 4) 3 members of Safety and Security (Tom King and Nora Nelle of Haverford and Mike Hale of Bryn Mawr) were invited to say a few words to Council.
 - a. Tom King spoke briefly about the new collaboration with Bryn Mawr. He wants to look at the recent events on campus as opportunities to review procedures and examine the relationship with both local and state police. He assured Council that transparency and keeping students informed are priorities.
 - b. Safety and Security Committee will have a meeting on Sept. 23rd, at which at least one Council member will be present.

C. And the Nomination Goes to.... (Committees)

- 5) Gabe described the 3 core committees within Council. Each representative serves on one committee.
 - a. Student Outreach is responsible for maintaining relations with the student body and planning events such as abstract discussions and a mock trial.

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- b. Faculty Outreach is responsible for maintaining faculty relations and planning Pizza, Professors, and the Code.
 - c. Abstract Committee meets on an as-needed basis to edit abstracts before their release.
- 6) Committees were formed. Representatives were also chosen to attend JSAAPP and Safety and Security Committee meetings.
 - 7) Council discussed the possibility of reaching out more to HCOs. This was met with general approval and will probably be revisited in the future.

D. Posting Minutes

- 8) It was decided that the public portion minutes will be posted on GO! as usual, and paper copies will also be put on the bulletin board outside the DC and in bathrooms in the DC, Magill, and parts of the INSC.

E.A Short Trailer: The Tommy Abstract

- 9) This abstract was released at the very end of last year, but we did not have time to schedule an abstract discussion, so it is going to be re-released. Council discussed when and where to hold abstract discussions.
- 10) Tentatively: **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30 pm** in Ryan Student Center and **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:30 pm** in Zubrow. (Enlightening conversation and FREE BREADSTICKS y'all, so everybody come!!)
 - a. Ryan: We should have it in Ryan, I think more people go to Ryan
 - b. Inez: I always go to you

F. The Retreat

- 11) THIS WEEKEND! Get excited! ... restaurants...cars... and all those fantastic details
 - a. Gabe: "Hands up... so the bathrooms are actually saloon-style doors..."
- 12) In lieu of a meeting next Sunday we will be having consensus training with Parker Snowe.

F. Pledging the Code on Exams

- 13) A professor who has been teaching at Haverford for a year wrote to Honor Council with the suggestion that students write out a mini-pledge by hand on their examinations pledging adherence to the Code, instead of only signing their names. The professor's rationale was that just the signature becomes automatic, like signing for a package, and that writing a pledge may prompt a moment of reflection on the Code.
- 14) Council discussed this at length. One Council member thought that writing a standard pledge then becomes automatic anyway. Another member was concerned about how this change would be received by the student body. One member asked whether it would be a set pledge or something that the

student composes him or herself. Another had the idea that this could be done at the beginning of the course, signing your intention to abide by the code in this class over the course of the semester. Members expressed concern about timed examinations, and making sure that writing out the pledge did not detract from time spent on the exam

- 15) It was suggested that Student Outreach Committee ask students what their pledge would be if they were to write their own, and post student responses on GO!.
- 16) Council decided to see what other professors think and then revisit the matter.

G. Coming Soon to Theaters Near You: Big Name Public Portion

- 17) This new kind of meeting would happen once a month, and would function as a larger public portion meeting with more community members present. The meeting would have one big topic relevant on campus, which would be advertised beforehand.
- 18) Possible topics for Big Name Public Portion were discussed: Whether using study drugs is against the Honor Code, alcohol use and the Honor Code, pluralism and the honor code, anonymity, ACBs and the Honor Code, does the Honor Code inhibit conversation by making us too politically correct?, the Social Honor Code (You can email code@hc with any ideas YOU have).

- a. Gabe: "Golden like China"

III. Private Portion and Moment of Silence

- 1) And now, a peak into what really goes on in private portion...
 - a) Inez: "Gabe bites me all the time"
 - b) Silas: "Where?"