

Honor Council

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

Public Minutes from April 19, 2009

Members Present: Anastasia, Sarina, Joe, Sam, Ben, Jen, Mary, John, Hazel, Emily, Inez, Gabe, Silas, Seth, Jill, Ryan; Sam is absent

Guests: Tate Garin, James Lee, Andrew Thompson, Mike Goldberg, Will Perot, Maryann Tekverk, Lucian Grand. Sorry if we misspelled any of you names!

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Public Portion
 - A. Secretary elections are this week.
 1. It's a one-semester term, and one or two people may run. Nominations go to SC and open on Tuesday. Ask the current co-secretaries (Inez and Gabe) or the current co-chairs (Anastasia and Sarina) if you have any questions.
 2. If you run twosies and win, you get to say, "We are the secs!" Outloud.
 - B. Other terms will be up at this time, too...
 1. Seth, Silas, Ryan, Hazel, Inez, and Gabe will be sticking around for a while. Other spots will open up (excluding the rep positions occupied by the new secretaries).
 - C. Availability for summer trial, if it were to happen: John, Jill, Joe (after July 4th), Jen, Ben, Emily, Ryan, Anastasia, Inez, Gabe.
- III. Sexual Assault Incident – sexual assault reported, but later confirmed as a false report.
 - A. Public forum last Thursday with the administration.
 - B. This individual is a member of our community, and it appears that she has serious problems. Any ideas on how Honor Council might intervene?
 1. People have expressed a wish for a letter of apology from the party.
 2. Unless someone confronts her, Council doesn't have a case.
 - a. Council is not a policing body, but if there was no legal action taken and someone wants to confront the person, Council could go to the deans.
 - b. Information (if there was Council action taken) would probably not come out until after the student graduates.
 - c. As a note, Council can intervene in active legal cases under Joint Panels and Deans' Panels.
 - C. Did a violation of the Code occur in that no one confronted this woman's issue until it got out of hand?
 1. Not necessarily, given that she may have been normal on the outside. It's also not really appropriate to speculate on this point without further information.
 2. How do we deal with this student when she comes back?
 - a. Hard to say until we hear further from the deans. The dust has far from settled, so let's "chill out" on that point for a bit.
- IV. T-shirts! – "Confront This" / "I love the Code."
- V. Thanks to those who tabled for elections. Council will also be helping with run-offs and HC Co-Sec elections as well as selling t-shirts.

These minutes reflect the opinions of Gabriel "Chocolate" Schwartz and Inez "Strawberry" Suhardjo, the Council co-secretaries (gschwartz@hc or isuhardj@hc) and are neither approved nor reviewed by the rest of Council. Questions/comments? Email Code@hc!

- VI. Mock Private Portion Tuesday, Mock Trial Thursday – Ryan at 7pm. (These were postponed in deference to the meeting with administration.)
- VII. Ryan pokes Honor Council on Facebook. Honor Council pokes back.
 - A. Everyone reading these minutes should probably friend Honor Council on Facebook so that there can be honorable poke wars.
 - B. Should Honor Council be in a relationship? “It’s complicated” with Students’ Council?
- VIII. End-of-the-year Council luncheon with the deans!
 - A. Speculative options: Thai, Indian, barbeque (Ben = grillmaster), caterers from Pan-Asian cultural show.
 - B. Maybe during the first week of finals (TWR).
- IX. Info on the Housing forgery fiasco? – None. Talk to Housing Committee.
- X. Question: Can the Deans’ Office act as a confronting party? Answer: Yes. They have in the past.
- XI. Spec question: What is “Star Wars”?
 - A. Answer: It is an abstract describing the trials during which an Honor Council co-chair violated the Honor Code and Honor Council confronted itself because it didn’t release the abstract in time (because it was concerned about confidentiality).
 - B. FYI: Pseudonyms are used when releasing abstracts to protect confidentiality.
- XII. Private Portion and Moment of Silence