

**Princeton USG Senate
Meeting 31
November 22, 2020
9:30PM (EST)**



**Undergraduate
Student
Government**

Introduction

1. Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)
2. President's Report (5 minutes)

New Business

1. Honor Committee Internal Referendum: Dina Kuttab and Wells Carson (15 minutes)
2. Disability Task Force Update: Naomi Hess (10 minutes)
3. Friends of FLI and Virtual Community Building Task Force Update: Riley Martinez (15 minutes)

HONOR COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2-2020

Honor Committee Resolution 2-2020
Submitted by DINA KUTTAB '21, Chair of the Honor Committee

Resolution:

Approving an amendment to the Constitution of the Honor System to change the structure of elected student membership

Explanation:

In the past, the current and former sophomore and junior class presidents would become members of the Honor Committee, and their membership lasts until graduation. In order to provide more flexibility for both the class presidents and the Honor Committee, the new system will appoint the sophomore class president to a one-year term. That one-year term will be a requirement of their position as class president. After the first year, the class president will be given the option to re-apply to the Committee. If they choose not to re-apply, or if they are not re-appointed, the Vice President of their class will take their place on the Committee. If a new class president has been elected, the new class president (rather than the Vice president) will take that place.

EXPLANATION—Matter in *bolded italics* is new, matter with ~~strikethrough~~ is to be removed.

Resolved by the Honor Committee (Upon the initiative of 15 members)

That Article I of the Honor Constitution be amended as follows:

Article I - Charter and Composition of the Honor Committee

A. Charter

1. The Honor Committee consists of fifteen members who will represent the student body and address all suspected violations of the Honor Code.

B. Composition

1. The members of this Committee will be ~~the presidents of the sophomore and junior classes, former sophomore and junior class presidents,~~ *one member of class government from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes*, two members of the first-year class, and members to be appointed from the student body at large until the Committee consists of fifteen members.

- a. *Normally, the sophomore class president will join the Committee after their election and serve for a one-year term. After that term, they may apply for reappointment.*
 - i. *If the sophomore class president is not reappointed to the Committee for their junior year, the incoming junior class vice president will take their place.*
 - b. *If the sophomore class president is not re-elected as junior class president, the incoming junior class president will take their place on the Committee. The outgoing sophomore class president may apply for reappointment if there is an open space on the Committee.*
 - c. *The junior class government member on the Committee will also serve a one-year term, with the option for reappointment.*
2. Appointed members.
- a. The first-year class members will be appointed in the fall semester by a subcommittee comprising the Honor Committee Chair, Honor Committee Clerk, an additional senior class member of the Honor Committee, one to three voting members of the Undergraduate Student Government Executive Committee as selected by the Undergraduate Student Government President and Academics Chair, and ~~the two longest-serving~~ *one or two* elected student representatives on the Honor Committee.
 - i. In the case that one or more of the elected student representatives on the Honor Committee is unable to serve on the subcommittee, two other positions shall be allocated corresponding to an additional member of the Honor Committee and an additional voting member of the Undergraduate Student Government Executive Committee. Under these circumstances, the additional member of the Honor Committee should be a senior class member if at all possible.
 - ii. In the case that a senior class member is unable to serve on the subcommittee, the Honor Committee chair shall select another member of the Honor Committee.
 - b. Following spring Undergraduate Student Government elections, the Honor Committee will solicit applications from the student body at large.
 - i. The same subcommittee that selects first-year class members will select the other appointed members as well.
 - c. Appointed members will serve one-year terms, but may seek reappointment thereafter. Committee members seeking reappointment may not participate in the selection process. All members of the Committee excluding the members up for reappointment will reach

consensus on whether to retain appointed members or to replace them with a new applicant.

- d. All appointments are subject to approval by the Undergraduate Student Government.
3. Ex officio members. The newly elected sophomore and junior class presidents and the newly appointed members will normally become members of the Committee at the beginning of the fall term following their election/appointment, but, if needed, can serve on the Committee immediately after their election.

C. Dismissal and Replacement of Members

1. The Committee may dismiss a member for neglect of duty. A vote of twelve of the fourteen other members is required for such a dismissal. If any member becomes unable to serve for any reason, or is dismissed, a new member will be appointed by the Honor Committee as explained in Article 1, Section B, subject to approval by the Undergraduate Student Government. Any member who becomes unable to serve or is dismissed for neglect of duty must go through the same selection process as a new applicant if they wish to rejoin the committee.

D. Clerk, Chair and Chair Emeritus

1. **Clerk.** Every academic year, after the first of December, a subcommittee comprising the Honor Committee Chair, Honor Committee Clerk, two voting members of the Undergraduate Student Government Executive Committee as selected by the Undergraduate Student Government President and Academics Chair, and the two longest-serving elected student representatives on the Honor Committee will select a sophomore member of the Committee to serve as Clerk of the Honor Committee during the following spring and fall semesters. This subcommittee will interview all interested sophomore members of the Committee and appoint one sophomore by a majority vote. This sophomore member will automatically become a member of the Committee the following year. In the event that the Clerk withdraws from the University, or is otherwise unable to serve as Chair, the subcommittee described above will convene to select a new Clerk from the Committee members in the spring semester of their sophomore year or fall semester of their junior year.
 - a. In the case that one or more of the elected student representatives on the Honor Committee is unable to serve on the subcommittee, two other positions shall be allocated corresponding to an additional member of the Honor Committee and an additional voting member of the Undergraduate Student Government Executive Committee. Under these circumstances, the additional member of the Honor Committee should be a senior class member if at all possible.

- b. In the case that a senior class member is unable to serve on the subcommittee, the Honor Committee chair shall select another member of the Honor Committee.
2. **Chair.** The Clerk will become the Chair of the Honor Committee at the beginning of the spring semester in their junior year. In the event that the Chair withdraws from the University, or is otherwise unable to serve as Chair in the spring semester of their junior year, the Chair Emeritus will serve as Chair until they graduate, at which time the Clerk will become Chair. In the event that the Chair withdraws from the University, or is otherwise unable to serve as Chair, in the fall semester of their senior year, the Clerk will become Chair.
3. **Chair Emeritus.** The former Chair will take on an advisory role, in addition to their responsibilities as a committee member, as Chair Emeritus during the spring semester of their senior year, to guide the new Chair. The Chair Emeritus may serve as acting Chair if needed.
4. **Evaluation.** Each Honor Committee member that is not currently nor ever has been the Clerk or the Chair will be afforded ONE opportunity to "evaluate" the Clerkship or Chairship. The evaluation process will proceed as follows:
 - a. A member of the Honor Committee will initiate the process by providing a statement outlining their reasons for the evaluation to both the Undergraduate Student Government Senate President and the sitting Chair of the Honor Committee. The member should declare upon submission of this statement whether or not they plan to continue with the subsequent steps of the process, keeping in mind that they are allotted only ONE opportunity to conduct an evaluation.
 - b. If the member chooses not to continue with the subsequent steps of the process, the evaluation ends here. If the member chooses to continue with the process, both the member that has submitted the evaluation and the Clerk or Chair then under evaluation will interview before an independent committee. This will only take place provided that the member belongs to the constitutionally appropriate year for the position under evaluation.
 - c. The independent committee will be selected by the Undergraduate Student Government President and composed of nine students. Three of these students must have at least one full semester on the Honor Committee, at least one of whom must be a current member of the Honor Committee. The remaining students must be elected Undergraduate Student Government Senate officials.
 - d. The independent committee will then determine by a two-thirds vote whether the sitting Clerk or Chair will be replaced in their executive capacity by the member submitting the evaluation.

- e. Should the independent committee choose to change the Clerkship or Chairship, such a change is only to take place the following semester, thereby providing a period for transition during the recess.
- f. The independent committee will release a statement outlining the criteria upon which the outcome was decided, regardless of whether or not there was a change. This will be done with due consideration for confidentiality for all those involved in the process.